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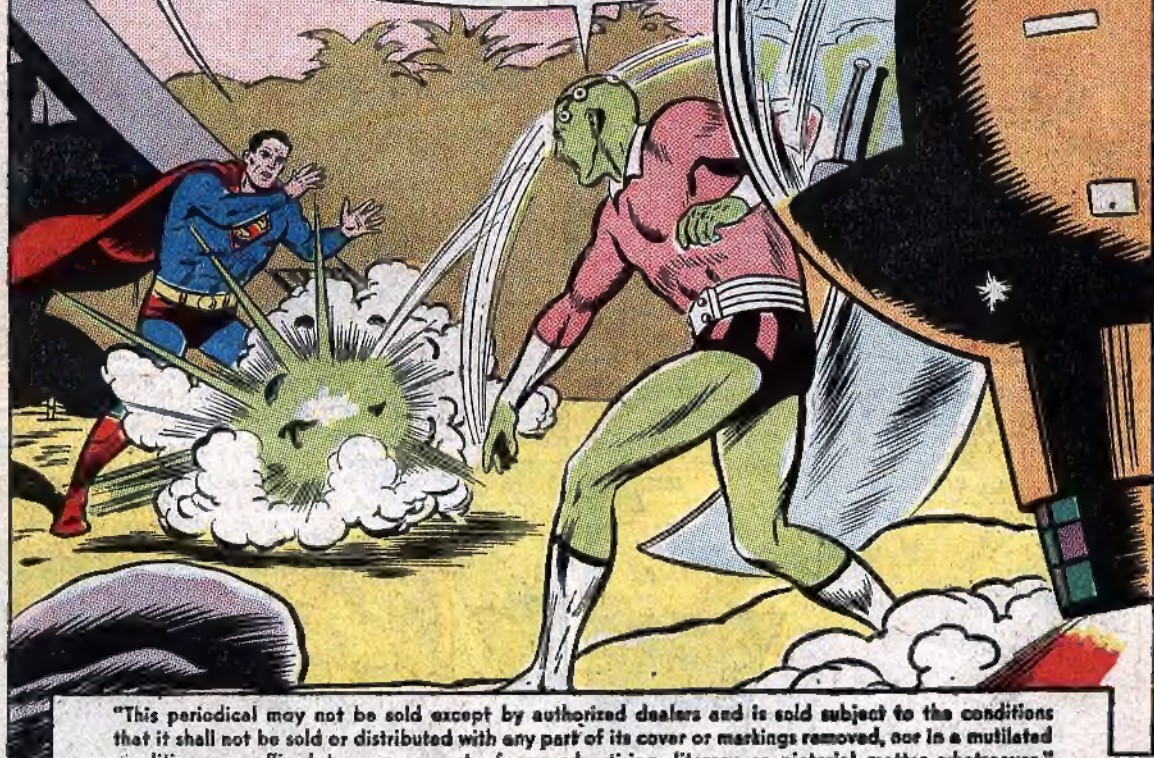
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ONE OF THE PENALTIES OF BEING A SUPERMAN IS THAT YOU ACCUMULATE SUPER-ENEMIES! BECAUSE OF HIS CONSTANT BATTLE AGAINST EVIL, THE MAN OF STEEL HAS MADE MANY DANGEROUS FOES. OF THESE, NONE IS MORE TERRIBLE THAN THE SPACE VILLAIN, BRAINIAC, WHO HAS NIGHTMARISH SCIENTIFIC WEAPONS AT HIS COMMAND! --WHEN LAST THEY CLASHED, SUPERMAN RID HIMSELF OF THE MENACE OF THIS FEARSOME SUPER-FOE BY SENDING HIM INTO THE PAST, BUT THEN, WHEN THE MAN OF STEEL LEAST EXPECTS IT, HE BECOMES A VICTIM OF--

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BRAINIAC!
YOU CAN'T BE
HERE! I SENT
YOU BACK INTO
EARTH'S ICE-AGE,
TRAPPED IN A
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ANIMATION!

SO YOU DID!!!... BUT I'VE
RETURNED TO THE PRESENT
AGAIN, SUPERMAN! THIS
KRYPTONITE BOMB IS STEALING
YOUR SUPER-POWERS... AND
IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING!! I
HAVE AN INFINITELY WORSE
FATE IN STORE FOR YOU!



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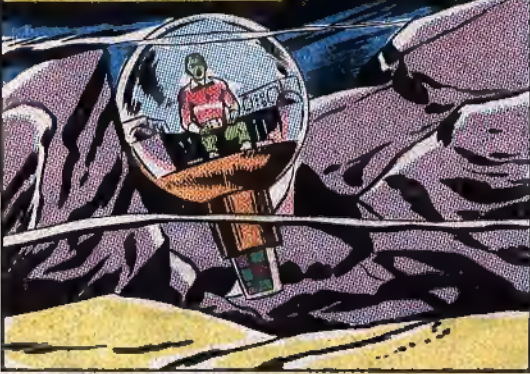
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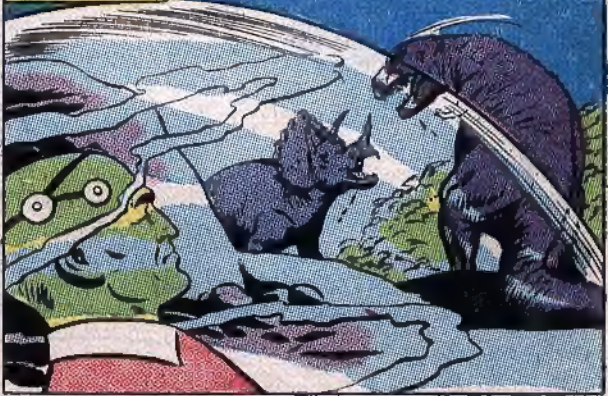
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LET US LOOK MILLIONS OF YEARS INTO EARTH'S PAST, WHERE, AMAZINGLY, THERE EXISTS A STRANGE CRAFT... IT IS THE WEIRD VEHICLE IN WHICH **BRAINIAC** WAS TRANSPORTED BACK THROUGH TIME BY **SUPERMAN** TO EARTH'S ICE AGE...



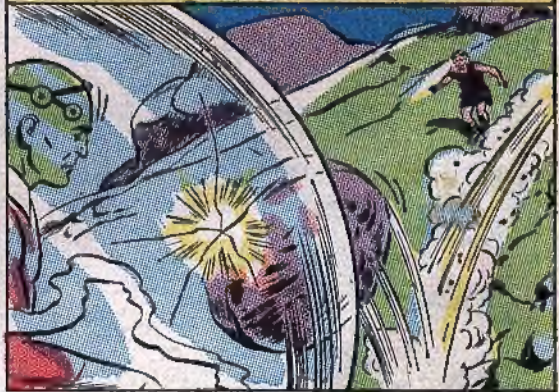
ITS CONTROL-DIAL JAMMED... ITS OPERATOR IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION UNDER GLASS... THE NOTORIOUS SPACE-VILLAIN SLUMBERS ON AND ON, OBLIVIOUS OF THE HUGE PREHISTORIC BEASTS ABOUT HIM...



CENTURIES PASS WHILE **BRAINIAC** SLEEPS... PRIMITIVE MAN APPEARS UPON THE EARTH, WAGING AN UNEQUAL STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE, UNTIL ONE DAY HE DISCOVERS FIRE AND BEGINS TO LEARN HOW TO MASTER THE ELEMENTS HE FEARS...



THEN ONE DAY, AN INSPIRED HUMAN CREATES THE FIRST WHEEL, AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THIS WHEEL, WHICH WILL GREATLY ADVANCE MAN'S PROGRESS TOWARD A HIGH CIVILIZATION, CRASHES INTO **BRAINIAC'S** VEHICLE...

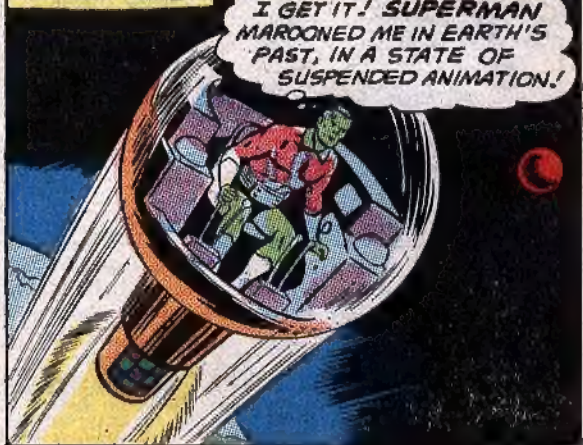


INSIDE THE CRAFT, THE GLASS COVERING THE BEING WHO HAS SLEPT FOR AGES CRACKS AT THE IMPACT, THE SUSPENDED ANIMATION GAS ESCAPES, AND THE SPACE VILLAIN AWAKENS...!!!



YAWN! - WHAT... WHERE...?? - GASP! - AN ANCIENT MAN!!

AFTER REPAIRING THE CRACKS, UP INTO SPACE ROCKETS **BRAINIAC**, AS HE UNJAMS HIS CONTROL-DIAL...



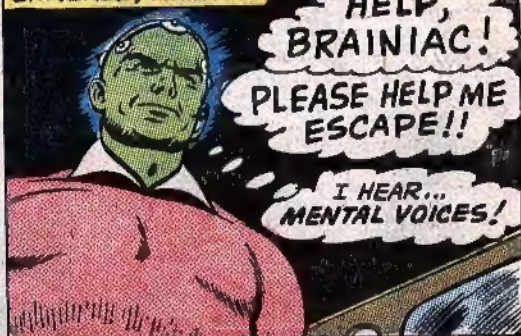
I GET IT! **SUPERMAN** MAROONED ME IN EARTH'S PAST, IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION!

MOMENTS LATER, IN OUTER SPACE, BRAINIAC ACCELERATES HIS VEHICLE'S SPEED TO SUCH A FANTASTIC PACE THAT IT CRASHES THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER...



WE'LL SOON MEET AGAIN, SUPERMAN... TO YOUR SORROW, HA, HA, HA!

EMERGING FROM THE TIME-BARRIER INTO OUR PRESENT-DAY ERA, BRAINIAC'S CRAFT HURTLES FAR OUT INTO THE UNIVERSE, WHERE...



HELP, BRAINIAC! PLEASE HELP ME ESCAPE!!

I HEAR... MENTAL VOICES!

SWIFTLY, HE FOCUSES HIS VESSEL'S PENTRASCOPE-VIEWER...

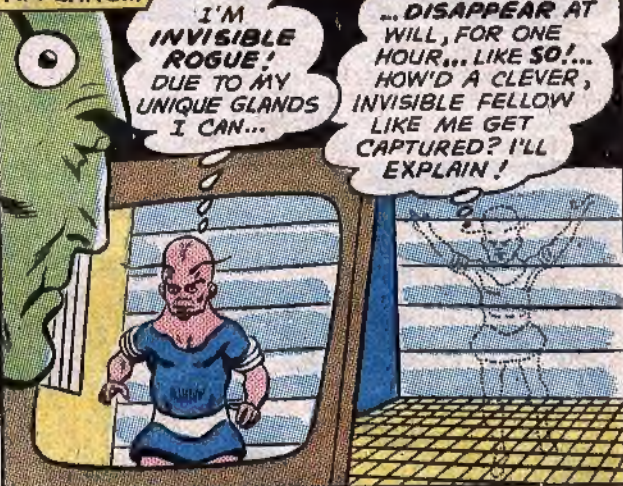
THOSE MENTAL APPEALS ARE COMING FROM... KRONIS, THE PRISON PLANET RUN BY THE COSMIC POLICE! THE UNIVERSE'S WORST CRIMINALS ARE IMPRISONED THERE! THEY'VE DETECTED MY APPROACH AND ARE USING TELEPATHY TO CONTACT ME!



USE YOUR SUPER-SCIENCE TO HELP ME ESCAPE!

NO... SAVE ME!!!

SUDDENLY, ON THE PENTRASCOPE'S SCREEN APPEARS...



I'M INVISIBLE ROGUE! DUE TO MY UNIQUE GLANDS I CAN...

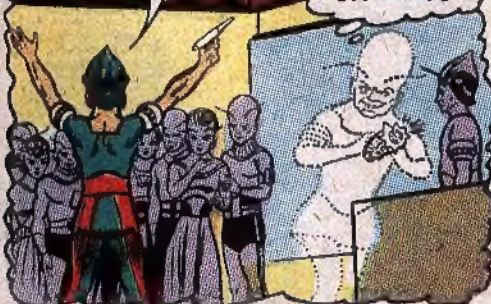
...DISAPPEAR AT WILL, FOR ONE HOUR... LIKE SO!... HOW'D A CLEVER, INVISIBLE FELLOW LIKE ME GET CAPTURED? I'LL EXPLAIN!

"ONCE, I GAILY ROBBED MY NATIVE PLANET TO MY HEART'S CONTENT, LAUGHING AT THE LAW'S FEEBLE ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE ME..."

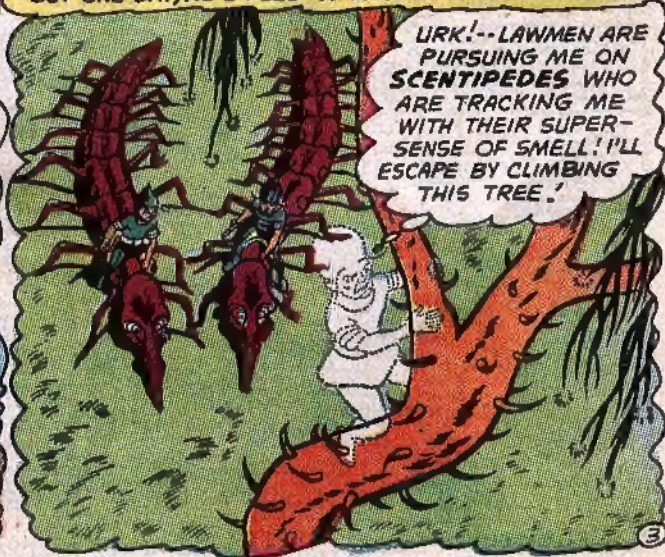
"BUT ONE DAY, AS I FLED WITH ANOTHER TREASURE..."

OUR RULER'S PRICELESS AMULET HAS VANISHED! DON'T ANYONE LEAVE THIS PALACE!

EXCEPT ME! HA, HA! WHAT THEY CAN'T SEE, THEY CAN'T CATCH!!



URK!-- LAWMEN ARE PURSUING ME ON SCENTİPEDES WHO ARE TRACKING ME WITH THEIR SUPER-SENSE OF SMELL! I'LL ESCAPE BY CLIMBING THIS TREE!





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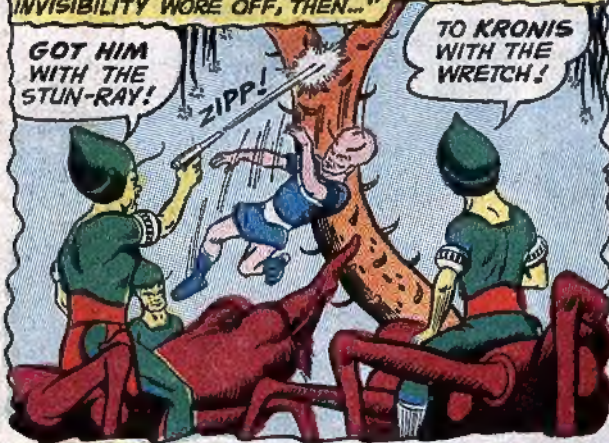


"ALAS, MY DESPERATE STRATEGEM FAILED...GUIDED BY THE ACCURSED SCENTIPEDES, THE POLICE SURROUNDED THE TREE UNTIL MY HOUR-LONG INVISIBILITY WORE OFF, THEN..."

GOT HIM WITH THE STUN-RAY!

ZIPP!

TO KRONIS WITH THE WRETCH!



AS ANOTHER MENTAL VOICE URGENTLY INTERRUPTS, BRAINIAC TRACES ITS OWNER WITH THE PENTRA-SCOPE...

HOW PECULIAR YOU LOOK!

"I AM...ELASTIC CROOK! ONCE I LOOKED HANDSOME...; CHOKED...AS IN THIS PICTURE OF MYSELF AS I FORMERLY APPEARED!"



"ON THE PLANET GERDLACH, I INVENTED A SERUM WHICH ENABLED ME TO STRETCH TO ANY SIZE, AT WILL! I USED IT TO COMMIT ROBBERIES, BUT ONE DAY, AS I WAS ABOUT TO STEAL A MUSEUM'S VALUABLE PAINTING..."

SOMEONE'S COMING! I'LL QUICKLY DISGUISE MYSELF!



"PROMPTLY, I DISTORTED MY BODY INTO THIS WEIRD SHAPE YOU NOW SEE, POSING AS A MODERNISTIC STATUE, IN ORDER TO OUTWIT THE MUSEUM'S WATCHMAN..."

I HEARD A NOISE!

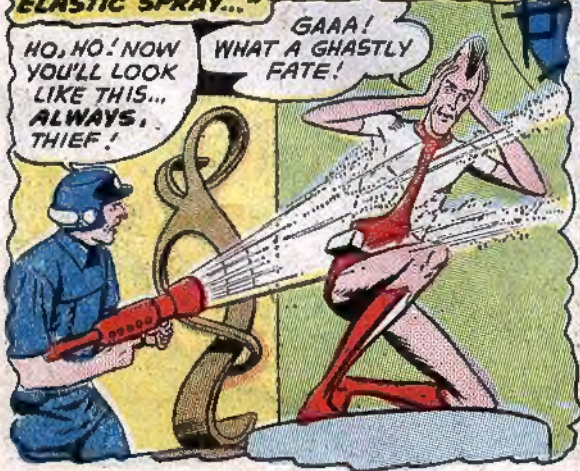
HOW CLEVERLY I'M FOOLING THE DOLT! HA, HA!



"BUT THE LAUGH WAS ON ME! HE SAW THROUGH MY RUSE, AND SPRINKLED ME WITH AN ANTI-ELASTIC SPRAY..."

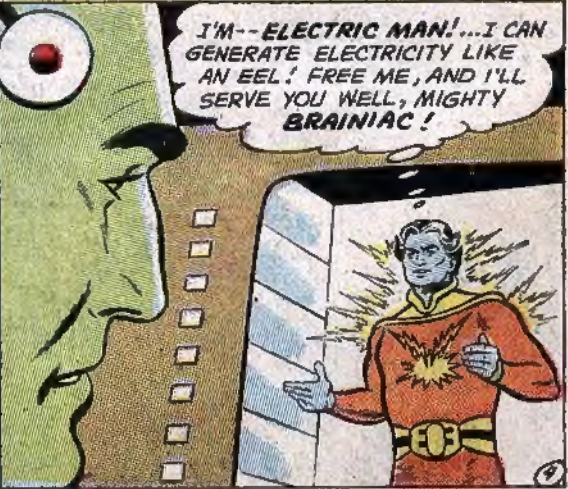
NO, NO! NOW YOU'LL LOOK LIKE THIS... ALWAYS, THIEF!

GAAA! WHAT A GHASTLY FATE!



ANOTHER MENTAL VOICE PLEADS DESPERATELY...

I'M-- ELECTRIC MAN!...I CAN GENERATE ELECTRICITY LIKE AN EEL! FREE ME, AND I'LL SERVE YOU WELL, MIGHTY BRAINIAC!



THEN ANOTHER CONVICT... **INSECT MASTER** ... SENDS MENTAL PICTURES TO **BRAINIAC** TELLING HOW HE USED VARIOUS DEVICES TO IMITATE INSECTS WHILE BATTLING POLICE ON HIS WORLD...

MY **TENSILE-SHOES** ENABLED ME TO LEAP GREAT DISTANCES, LIKE A **GRASSHOPPER!**

I STUNG HIM INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS, LIKE A **BEE...**!



SCORNFULLY, **BRAINIAC** REJECTS THE WEIRD CONVICTS' PLEAS...

BAH!-- I, WHO STOLE GREAT CITIES FROM DIFFERENT PLANETS AND REDUCED THEM INTO A BOTTLE, DON'T NEED ANY OF YOU TO HELP ME! FAREWELL, FAILURES!-- EARTH, HERE I COME!!



MEANWHILE, ON EARTH, IN THE **DAILY PLANET** NEWSROOM...

LOIS, JIMMY AND CLARK, I WANT YOU THREE TO WRITE AN EYE-WITNESS STORY ABOUT THE NATIVE UPRISING IN THE AFRICAN JUNGLE!

COUNT ME OUT, PERRY! I'M... ER... TOO BUSY WITH OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS!



YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE ARE SOME TOP STORIES YOU'RE ALREADY WORKING ON!... WELL, I'LL GO IN YOUR PLACE, IT'LL BE GOOD TO GET AWAY FOR A WHILE!



LATER, AT THE AIRPORT, WHERE THE REPORTERS ARE TO TAKE AN UNSCHEDULED PLANE FLIGHT TO THE CONGO, THE LINE'S MANAGER HAS BAD NEWS...

THE PILOT'S SICK! I MUST CANCEL THE FLIGHT!-- GROAN!-- THIS MAY COST THE LINE ITS CHARTER...

LET ME HELP!





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I SIGHTED THE EMERGENCY, WHILE ON PATROL... IF THE PASSENGERS WILL KINDLY ENTER THE PLANE, I'LL PERSONALLY TRANSPORT IT TO AFRICA!

I'M GAME! LET'S GET GOING, GANG!

MOMENTS AFTER THE PASSENGERS BOARD THE PLANE...

OFF TO THE CONGO!

THANKS, SUPERMAN! NOW I WON'T LOSE THE CHARTER!

PRESENTLY, AS THE FANTASTIC AIRPLANE FLIGHT FROM METROPOLIS ENDS AT A CONGOLESE AIRPORT...

MAN! I WOULDN'T BELIEVE THIS IF I DIDN'T SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES!

LATER, AS SUPERMAN HELPS THE REPORTERS SET UP THEIR TENT FIELD OFFICE IN THE JUNGLE'S INTERIOR...

THIS'LL ONLY TAKE A FEW MOMENTS, FOLKS!

LOOK, CHIEF! A HERD OF SAVAGE GORILLAS!

QUICK! PHOTOGRAPH THEM, JIMMY!

WOW! LOOK AT THAT BIG GORILLA LEADING ALL THE OTHERS! HUGE, ISN'T HE? HE ALMOST REMINDS ME OF TITANO!

HE'S BIG ALL RIGHT, BUT COMPARED TO GIGANTIC TITANO... HE'S SMALL!

THAT EXPLORER DOESN'T SEEM AT ALL ALARMED BY THE APE-HERD'S NEARNESS!

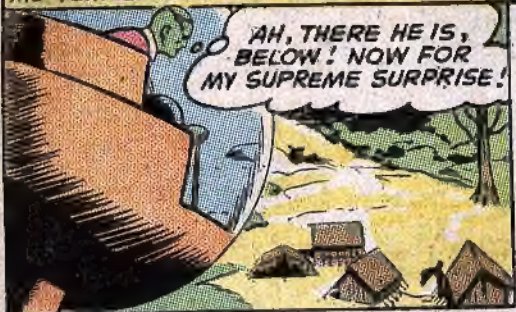
IT TAKES STEELY NERVES TO EXPLORE THE PERILS OF THE CONGO!

THAT EVENING...

BR-RRR! THE JUNGLE'S SPOOKY AT NIGHT!

RELAX! WE'VE NOT ONLY A MIGHTY PROTECTOR IN SUPERMAN, BUT A SWELL COOK! M-MMM! THOSE STEAKS HE'S BROILING WITH HIS HEAT-VISION SMELL DELICIOUS!

EARLY NEXT MORNING, AS BRAINIAC, STREAKING DOWN FROM OUTER SPACE IN HIS VEHICLE, LOCATES THE MAN OF STEEL...



AH, THERE HE IS, BELOW! NOW FOR MY SUPREME SURPRISE!

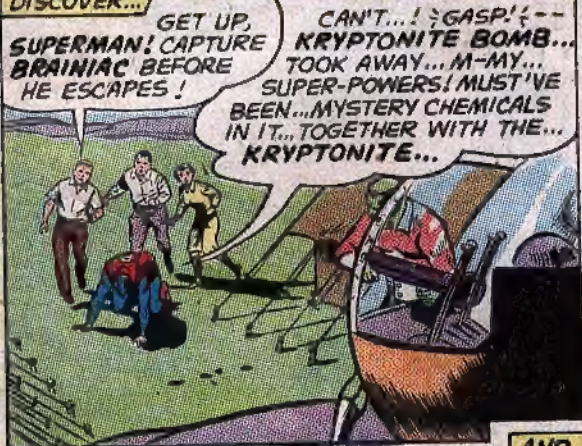
PRESENTLY...

BRAINIAC!!... BUT I STRANDED YOU BACK IN THE ICE AGE!!!



SO YOU THOUGHT... HAVE A KRYPTONITE BOMB!

ATTRACTED BY THE EXPLOSION, THE DAILY PLANET REPORTERS RUSH OUT OF THE FIELD TENT AND DISCOVER...



GET UP, SUPERMAN! CAPTURE BRAINIAC BEFORE HE ESCAPES!

CAN'T...! GASP!... KRYPTONITE BOMB... TOOK AWAY... M-MY... SUPER-POWERS! MUST'VE BEEN... MYSTERY CHEMICALS IN IT... TOGETHER WITH THE... KRYPTONITE...

SUDDENLY, BRAINIAC STRIKES AGAIN...!



GASP! WE'RE SHRINKING... SUPERMAN, TOO, BECAUSE HE'S JUST AS VULNERABLE AS WE ARE NOW!

MY PORTABLE SHRINKING-RAY IS MAKING YOU DWindle THE WAY I SHRANK THE CITY OF KANDOR!

REDUCED TO TOM THUMB SIZE, BRAINIAC'S VICTIMS RACE INTO THE TENT FIELD OFFICE TO ESCAPE THEIR TORMENTOR WHO NOW APPEARS A VERITABLE GIANT TO THEM...



SCATTERING LIKE MICE WON'T HELP YOU! NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU FROM ME!

AND AS THEY FRANTICALLY SEPARATE AND HIDE...



BRAINIAC'S GRABBING AT ME WITH HIS HUGE HAND! I WON'T LET HIM CATCH ME! I-I'LL JUMP!

BUT AS LOIS ALIGHTS ON A TYPEWRITER KEY BELOW...

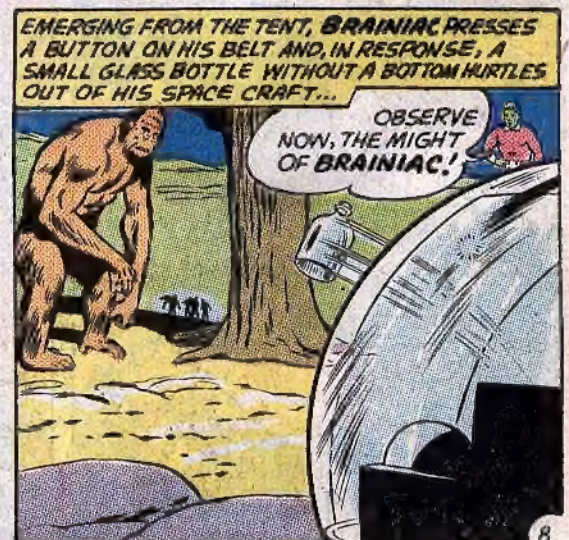
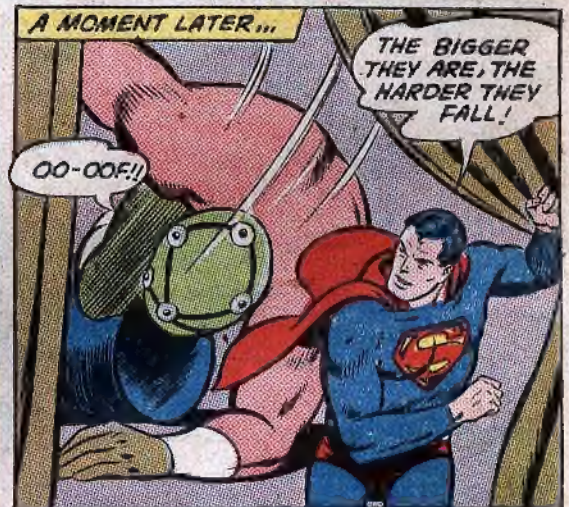
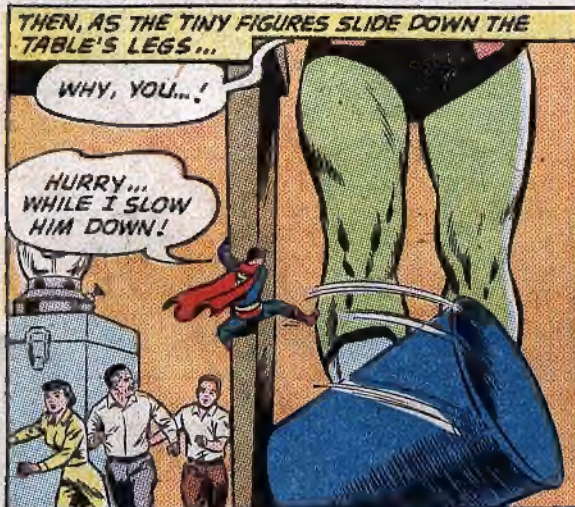
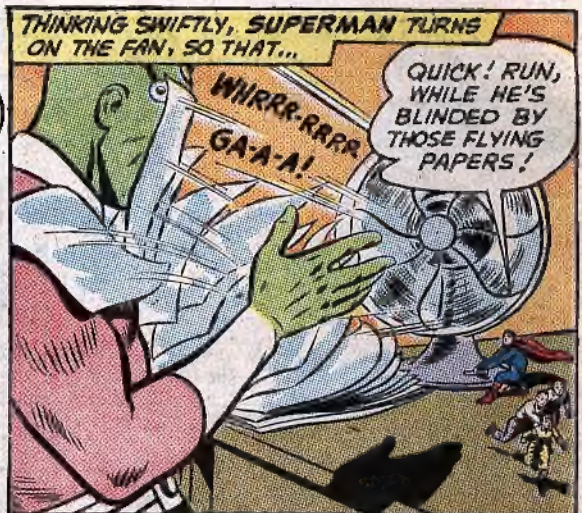
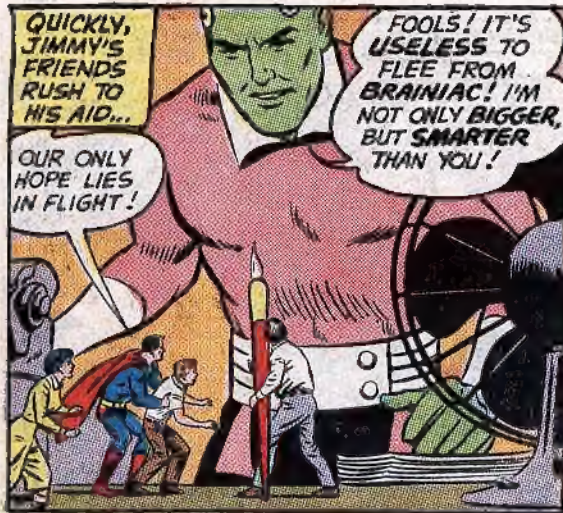


YEOWLPP!

OH, MY! AS THE WEIGHT OF MY BODY DEPRESSED THIS KEY, ITS TYPE BAR HURLED JIMMY, WHO WAS HIDING ON THE TYPE BARS, UP INTO VIEW!



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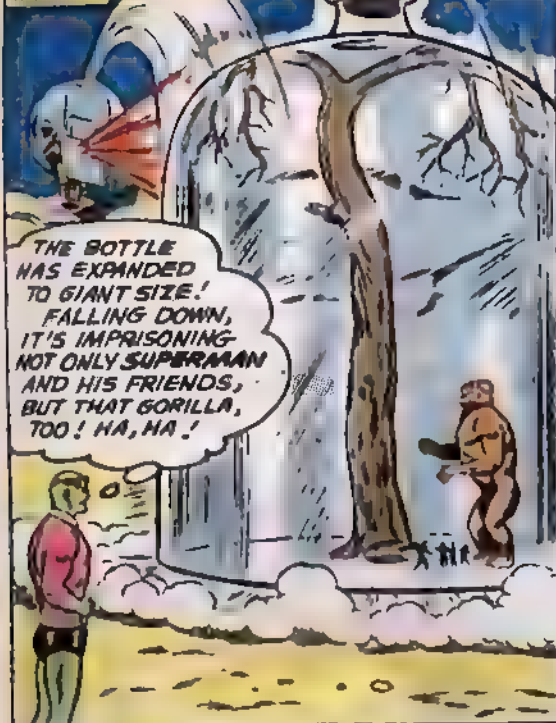




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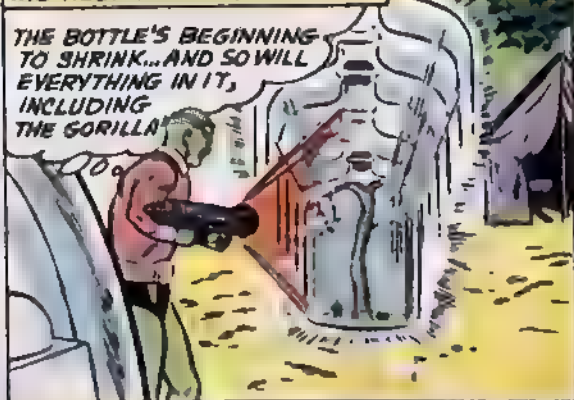


THEN, AS THE SINISTER SPACE VILLAIN PRESSES ANOTHER BELT BUTTON, ACTIVATING AN ASTOUNDING RAY...



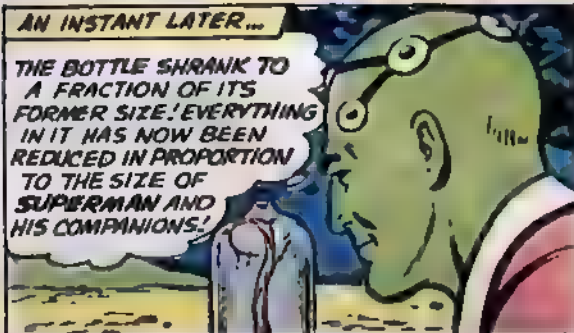
THE BOTTLE HAS EXPANDED TO GIANT SIZE! FALLING DOWN, IT'S IMPRISONING NOT ONLY SUPERMAN AND HIS FRIENDS, BUT THAT GORILLA, TOO! HA, HA!

NEXT, BRAINIAC SHINES HIS SHRINKING-RAY ON THE HUGE BOTTLE, SO THAT...



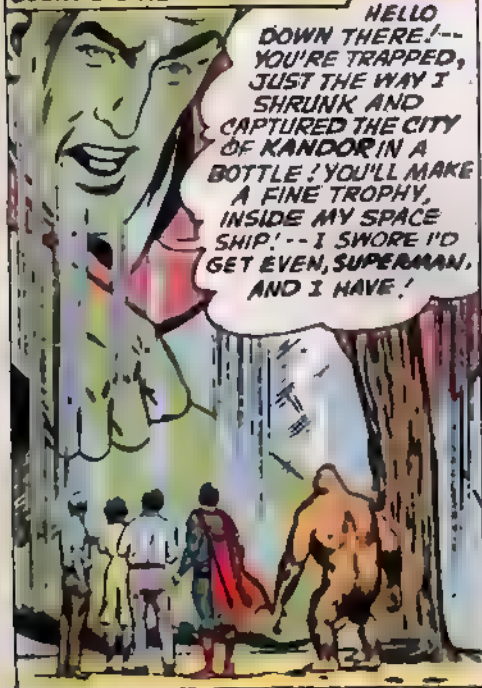
THE BOTTLE'S BEGINNING TO SHRINK... AND SO WILL EVERYTHING IN IT, INCLUDING THE GORILLA!

AN INSTANT LATER...



THE BOTTLE SHRANK TO A FRACTION OF ITS FORMER SIZE! EVERYTHING IN IT HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED IN PROPORTION TO THE SIZE OF SUPERMAN AND HIS COMPANIONS!

TO HIS TINY VICTIMS, THE TAUNTING VOICE OF THEIR "GIANT" CAPTOR SOUNDS LIKE THUNDER...



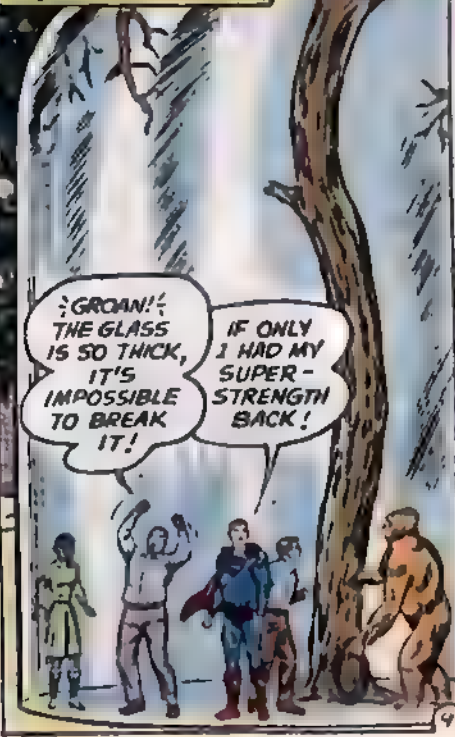
HELLO DOWN THERE!-- YOU'RE TRAPPED, JUST THE WAY I SHRUNK AND CAPTURED THE CITY OF KANDOR IN A BOTTLE! YOU'LL MAKE A FINE TROPHY, INSIDE MY SPACE SHIP!-- I SWORE I'D GET EVEN, SUPERMAN, AND I HAVE!

BUT THEN SOMETHING ELSE ATTRACTS BRAINIAC'S INTEREST...

THAT NEARBY EXPLORER-? WHAT STRANGE SOUNDS HE'S MAKING... HAMMM-- I'LL INVESTIGATE! THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THE BOTTLE-- NOT WITH THE WAY I'VE GOT IT TIGHTLY CORKED!



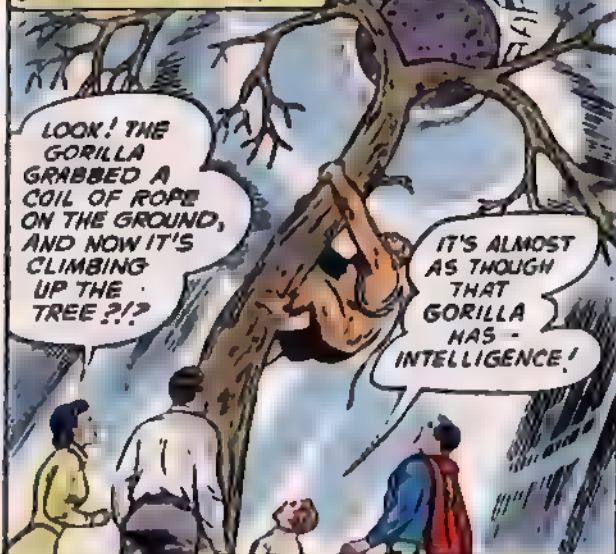
INSIDE THE BOTTLE...



GROAN! THE GLASS IS SO THICK, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK IT!

IF ONLY I HAD MY SUPER-STRENGTH BACK!

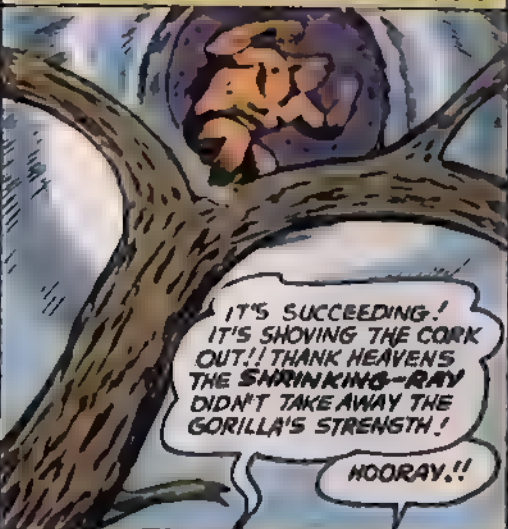
SUDDENLY, THE GORILLA GOES INTO ACTION...



LOOK! THE GORILLA GRABBED A COIL OF ROPE ON THE GROUND, AND NOW IT'S CLIMBING UP THE TREE?!

IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH THAT GORILLA HAS INTELLIGENCE!

ATOP THE TREE, THE GORILLA PITS ITS MIGHTY MUSCLES AGAINST THE GREAT CORK OVER-HEAD, THEN... AS IT STRAINS POWERFULLY...



IT'S SUCCEEDING! IT'S SHOVING THE CORK OUT!! THANK HEAVEN'S THE SHRINKING-RAY DIDN'T TAKE AWAY THE GORILLA'S STRENGTH!

HOORAY!!

UP THROUGH THE BOTTLE'S OPEN NECK CLIMBS THE JUNGLE BEAST! THEN, AS IT LOWERS THE ROPE...



GASP! -- IT'S ACTING LIKE HE WANTS TO PULL US UP!!

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? EVERYBODY GRAB HOLD OF THE ROPE!

AS THE GORILLA PULLS THEM UPWARD...



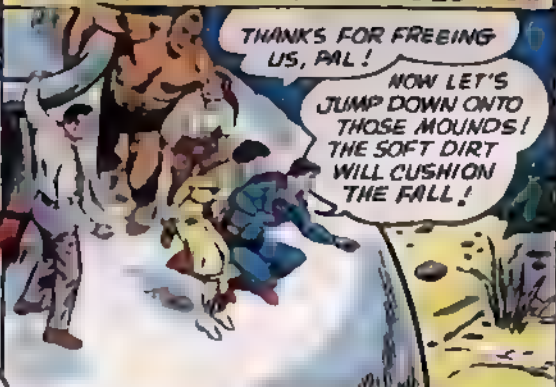
INCREDIBLE! WE'RE BEING RESCUED BY AN INTELLIGENT APE!

GREAT SCOTT! I JUST REALIZED WHO IT IS!

I KNOW, TOO!

READER-- CAN YOU GUESS THE SECRET OF THE FRIENDLY APE?

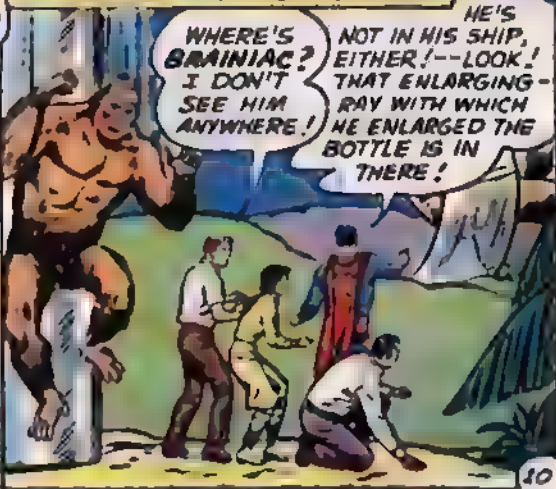
PRESENTLY, AS THEY EMERGE ATOP THE BOTTLE...



THANKS FOR FREEING US, PAL!

NOW LET'S JUMP DOWN ONTO THOSE MOUNDS! THE SOFT DIRT WILL CUSHION THE FALL!

AS THEY LEAP AND ALIGHT UNHURT...



WHERE'S BRAINIAC? I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE!

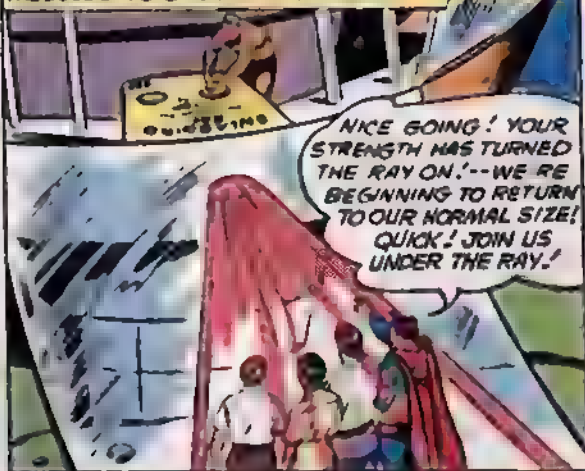
HE'S NOT IN HIS SHIP, EITHER!-- LOOK! THAT ENLARGING-RAY WITH WHICH HE ENLARGED THE BOTTLE IS IN THERE!

SOON, INSIDE THE SPACE CRAFT...

THE ENLARGING RAY'S METER INDICATES THAT ONE RAY-FORCE PELLET REMAINS!...UGH! WE'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO... BUDGE THE MACHINE'S "ON" BUTTON!

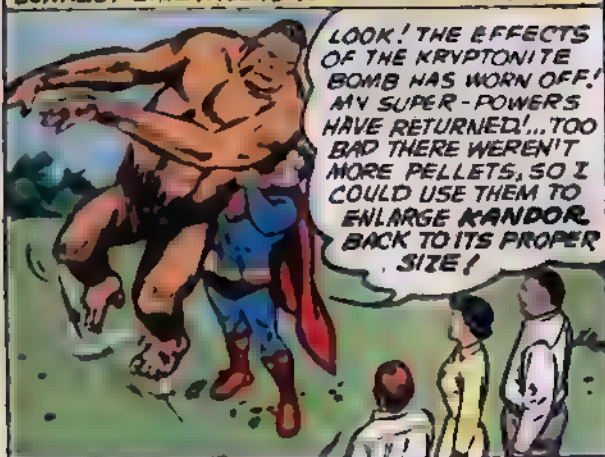


ONCE AGAIN, THE GORILLA USES ITS POWERFUL MUSCLES TO GOOD ADVANTAGE...



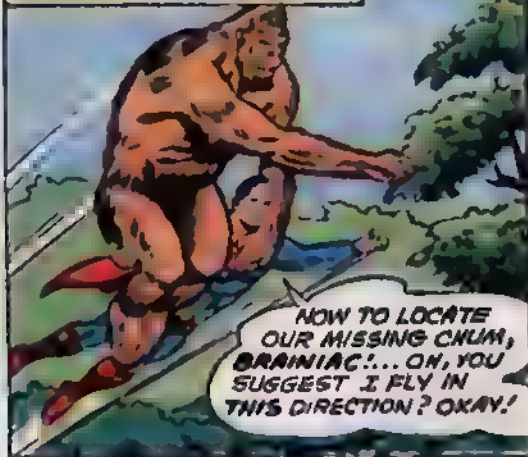
NICE GOING! YOUR STRENGTH HAS TURNED THE RAY ON!...WE'RE BEGINNING TO RETURN TO OUR NORMAL SIZE! QUICK! JOIN US UNDER THE RAY!

AS THE APE OBEYS, AND ENLARGES TO ITS CORRECT SIZE, ALONG WITH THE OTHERS...



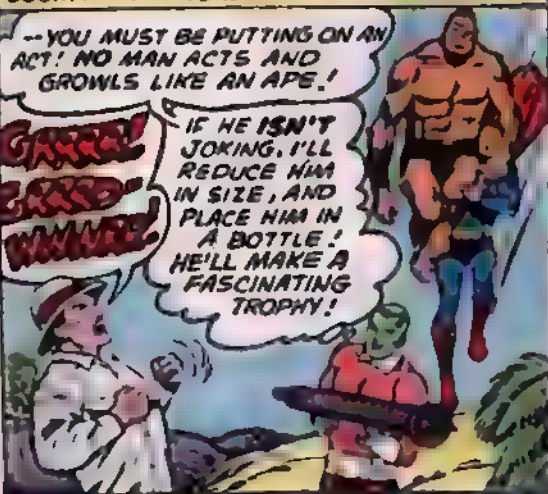
LOOK! THE EFFECTS OF THE KRYPTONITE BOMB HAS WORN OFF! MY SUPER-POWERS HAVE RETURNED!...TOO BAD THERE WEREN'T MORE PELLETS, SO I COULD USE THEM TO ENLARGE KANDOR BACK TO ITS PROPER SIZE!

INTO ACTION STREAKS THE ONCE-AGAIN POWERFUL SUPERMAN...



NOW TO LOCATE OUR MISSING CHUM, BRAINIAC!...OH, YOU SUGGEST I FLY IN THIS DIRECTION? OKAY!

SOON, THE FLYING MAN OF STEEL SIGHTS...

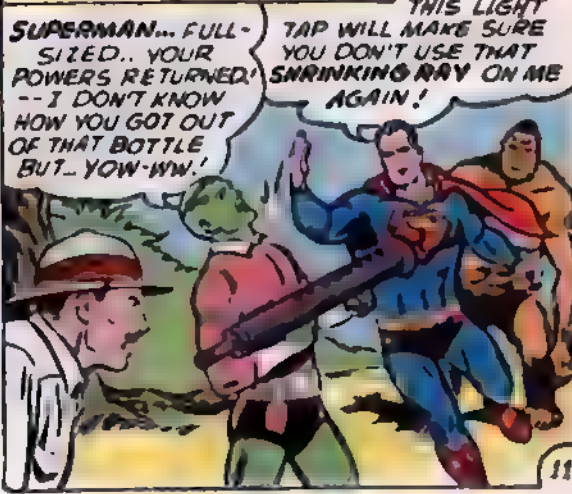


--YOU MUST BE PUTTING ON AN ACT! NO MAN ACTS AND GROWLS LIKE AN APE!

GRRR!
GRRR!
WAAAA!

IF HE ISN'T JOKING, I'LL REDUCE HIM IN SIZE, AND PLACE HIM IN A BOTTLE! HE'LL MAKE A FASCINATING TROPHY!

AS THE MAN OF STEEL ALIGHTS...



SUPERMAN... FULL-SIZED.. YOUR POWERS RETURNED! --I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT OUT OF THAT BOTTLE BUT...YOW-WW!

THIS LIGHT TAP WILL MAKE SURE YOU DON'T USE THAT SHRINKING RAY ON ME AGAIN!



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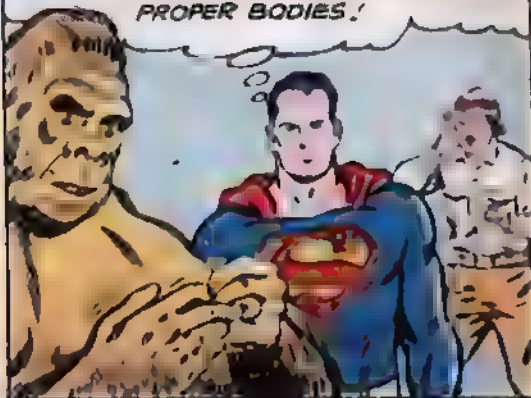


GRATEFULLY, SUPERMAN TALKS TO THE GORILLA...

THANKS AGAIN!... WHEN JIMMY AND I NOTICED YOUR MAGIC RING AS YOU PULLED US OUT OF THE BOTTLE, WE REALIZED WE WERE BEING RESCUED BY... CONGORILLA, THE APE WITH THE MIND OF A MAN!



"THE GORILLA IS RUBBING THE MAGIC RING ON ITS FINGER, WHICH IS IDENTICAL TO THE MAGIC RING CONGO BILL WEARS. THAT'LL SWITCH THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE APE, AND CONGO BILL, BACK TO THEIR PROPER BODIES."



OFF WANDERS THE GORILLA, AS CONGO BILL, NO LONGER ACTING APE-LIKE, SPEAKS...

GLAD TO BE HELPFUL, SUPERMAN! WHEN I SAW BRAINIAC IN HIS SPACE SHIP EARLIER TODAY, I GUESSED HE PLANNED TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR YOU!



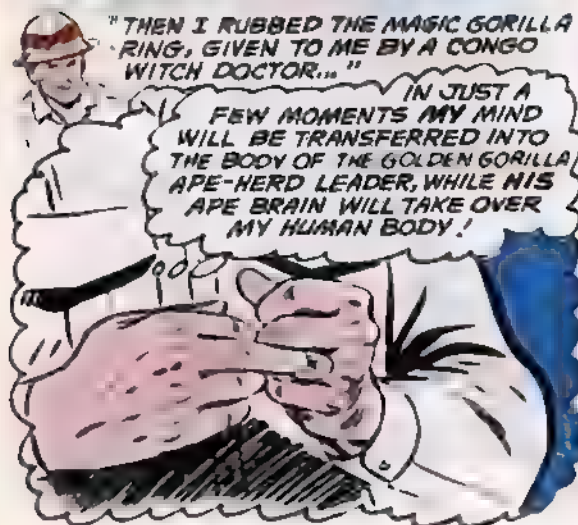
"EARLIER, I'D SEEN YOU SETTING UP CAMP FOR YOUR FRIENDS THERE WASN'T TIME ENOUGH FOR ME TO REACH YOU AS CONGO BILL, BUT SINCE THE GOLDEN GORILLA WAS STILL NEAR YOUR CAMP..."

MUST AID SUPERMAN!
FIRST, I'LL SWALLOW THESE SLEEPING TABLETS...



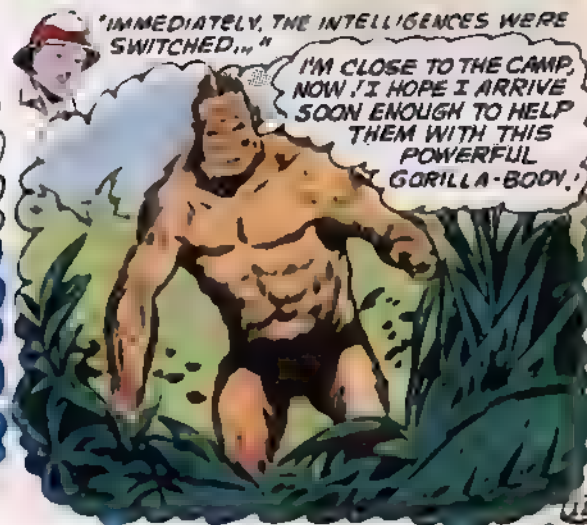
"THEN I RUBBED THE MAGIC GORILLA RING, GIVEN TO ME BY A CONGO WITCH DOCTOR..."

IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS MY MIND WILL BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE BODY OF THE GOLDEN GORILLA APE-HERD LEADER, WHILE HIS APE BRAIN WILL TAKE OVER MY HUMAN BODY!



"IMMEDIATELY, THE INTELLIGENCES WERE SWITCHED..."

I'M CLOSE TO THE CAMP, NOW I HOPE I ARRIVE SOON ENOUGH TO HELP THEM WITH THIS POWERFUL GORILLA-BODY!



"WHEN THE APE-MIND ENTERS MY BODY, MY BODY BEHAVES LIKE A GORILLA...BUT THE SLEEPING PILLS SOON AFFECT THE APE'S MIND IN MY OWN BODY, PUTTING IT TO SLEEP SO MY HUMAN BODY WON'T GET INTO MISCHIEF WHILE CONGORILLA IS IN ACTION!"



AS CONGO BILL FINISHES EXPLAINING...

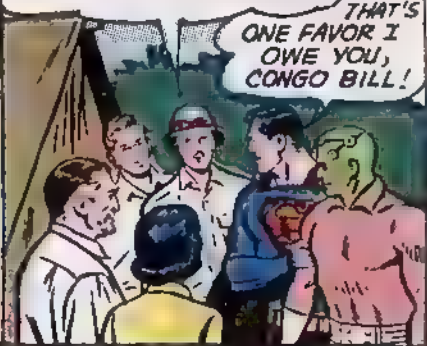
MY HUMAN BODY MUST'VE REVIVED FROM THE DRUGGED SLEEP AND WANDERED OFF. WHEN BRAINIAC SAW A MAN ACTING LIKE AN APE, HE WENT TO INVESTIGATE!



UPON REJOINING THE OTHERS...

I RUSHED UP AS CONGORILLA, JUST IN TIME TO BE IMPRISONED INSIDE THE GLASS JAR WITH YOU! IN CONGORILLA'S BODY I USED MY STRENGTH TO RESCUE YOU. THEN I RUBBED THE APE'S MAGIC RING, SO THAT BOTH HIS AND MY MINDS WERE TRANSFERRED BACK TO OUR RIGHT BODIES!

THAT'S ONE FAVOR I OWE YOU, CONGO BILL!



A FEW WEEKS AFTER SUPERMAN RETURNS HIS FRIENDS TO METROPOLIS, AND IMPRISONS BRAINIAC ON THE PRISON PLANET, ANOTHER NOTORIOUS SPACE VILLAIN ROCKETING PAST KRONIS RECEIVES A FRANTIC PLEA...

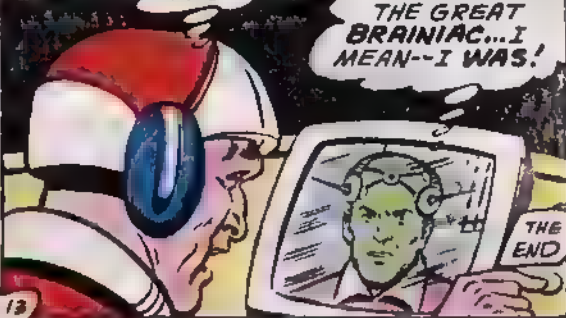


THIS IS BRAINIAC, COMMUNICATING THROUGH A SECRETLY BUILT MIND-HELMET! PLEASE HELP ME ESCAPE, MOLNUR! WE'LL JOIN FORCES!

BUT... SHUT UP! WHO NEEDS YOU??

YOU'RE NOT SO HOT, OR YOU WOULDN'T BE A CONVICT ON THE PRISON PLANET!...SO LONG, HAS-BEEN! HA, HA, HA!

NO, NO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME...I'M THE GREAT BRAINIAC...I MEAN--I WAS!



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Dear Editor: I don't like the idea of SUPERGIRL wearing a wig as Linda Lee to cover up her blonde hair. I think that SUPERGIRL's hair is too long to be covered easily or successfully with a wig. I think I have a better idea as to how she can disguise her hair. Why not have SUPERMAN invent a special dye which would turn SUPERGIRL's hair brown in her Linda Lee identity? Then you could have SUPERMAN give her a comb made of some rare metal which, when run through her hair in one direction, would return her hair to its original blonde color, and vice versa. Wouldn't this be a lot more easy and efficient than a wig?

Jim Larsen, FPO, New York, N. Y.

(That's an ingenious suggestion you offer, but we don't think merely changing the color of her hair would be sufficient to change her looks. Besides, she'd be using her comb so frequently readers would promptly dub her a male Kookie.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I think it's time you told us the results of your recent poll in which you asked Supergirl fans to vote on a new hair style for Linda Lee. How about it?

J. W. Santamo, Hartford, Conn.

(A special staff has been busy tabulating the several thousand votes which flooded our office. The results will be announced in the very next issue of ACTION COMICS. In the meanwhile, see if you can guess which hair-do won out as the favorite of the majority of readers.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Does BATWOMAN know of the existence of SUPERGIRL?

John Palanza, Bronx, N. Y.

(No. At present, the only living persons who are aware of the presence of SUPERGIRL on Earth are the following: Superman, Batman and Robin, Lori the mermaid and the people of Atlantis, all the inhabitants of Kandor, the shrunken Kryptonian city, Krypto, all the inhabitants of the Bizarro world, and all the prisoners dwelling within the Phantom Zone.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I'd like to make a comment about all the readers who are constantly sending you letters which ask for an explanation of some boo-boo and end up starting: "Please, no wisecracks!" Well, readers often put wisecracks in the letters they send you, and I think it only fair that you be permitted a similar privilege.

Richard Tomaso, Iselin, N. J.

(Thanks, pal. By the way, where was your wisecrack? —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Why doesn't Clark (Superman) Kent get fired from his job as a reporter for the DAILY PLANET when he has to leave his job so many times for emergencies?

Jerry Dortch, Granite City, Ill.

(Clark doesn't play hooky from his job as often as you think. Many times he has his robots answer his emer-

gency calls. Or else he has a robot Clark Kent take his place at the office. Besides, would Perry White want to fire a reporter who has brought in so many front-page scoops?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In issue No. 276, "Phantom Girl" identified herself as "Triplicate Girl." And "Triplicate Girl" identified herself as "Phantom Girl." That was an out-and-out boo-boo. And if you print this letter, I'll slip.

Judy Plotkin, Miami Beach, Fla.

(We're flipping the letterer, who made an inexcusable error in pointing the tails of the balloons to the wrong characters. Another boo-boo, and we're exiling him to the Phantom Zone.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: As a faithful follower of the "Superman Family" of comics, I have often wondered why some criminals can be so foolish as to try and kill SUPERMAN. Don't they realize that if they ever succeeded they would spend the rest of their lives running from a multitude of super-avengers? Krypto, Flash, Green Lantern, Cosmic Boy, Lightning Lad, Saturn Girl, J'onn J'onzz and Wonder Woman (not to mention Supergirl, whom no one knows exists) would hunt them down and annihilate them! The cursed crook wouldn't have a chance. So why not have a story where just that happens? Superman could be thought dead when a criminal (perhaps Luthor or Brainiac) tries to kill him. (Actually, it could turn out that Superman is not dead, merely trapped in the Phantom Zone or kept in suspended animation.) Then the manhunt begins. It would make a story well remembered, showing how all the great crime-fighters avenge Superman's "death."

(Unsigned), Norwalk, Conn.

(That's a swell idea, but inasmuch as you've already told us the ending, we'll have to put your suggestion into suspended animation until our readers have had a chance to forget your letter. Incidentally, you forgot to sign your name to your note. Have you got a secret identity?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Would you ever publish a story wherein Superman, Supergirl and Superdog have a birthday on the same day and celebrate them?

John Green, Seminole, Okla.

(We can't oblige you. They were all born on different dates.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Did anyone from Earth ever visit the planet Krypton before it blew up?

Angus Kahn, Monticello, N. Y.

(Yes, surprising as it seems. See the feature story, "The Man Who Saved Kal-El's Life," in the next issue of ACTION COMICS.—Ed.)

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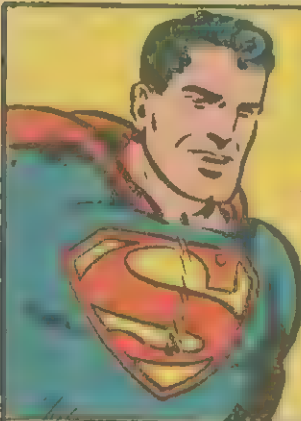
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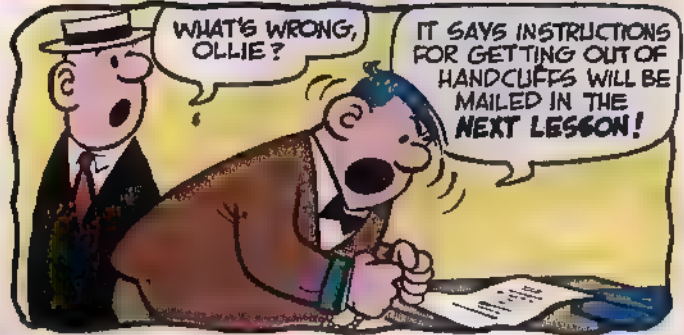
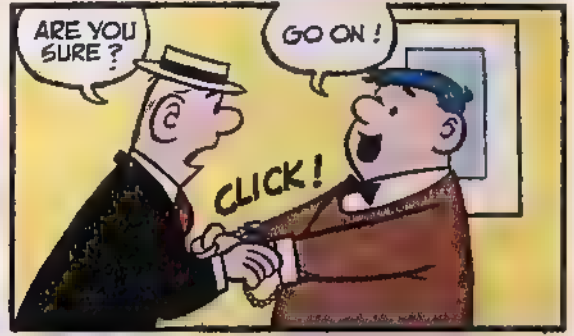
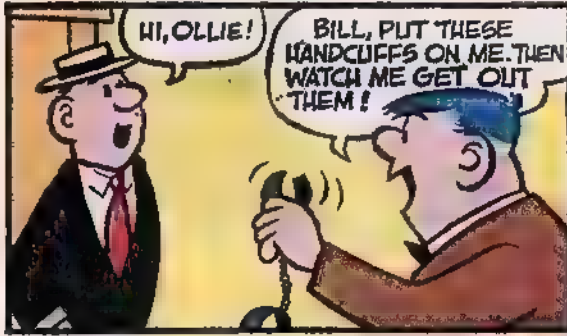
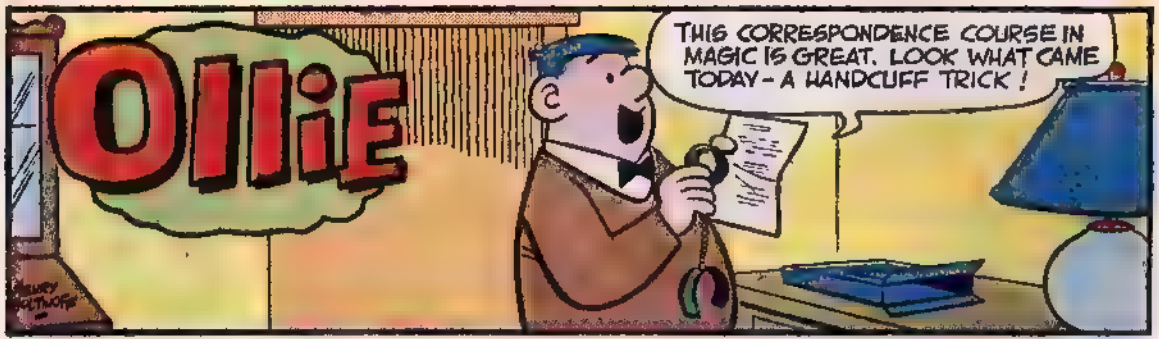
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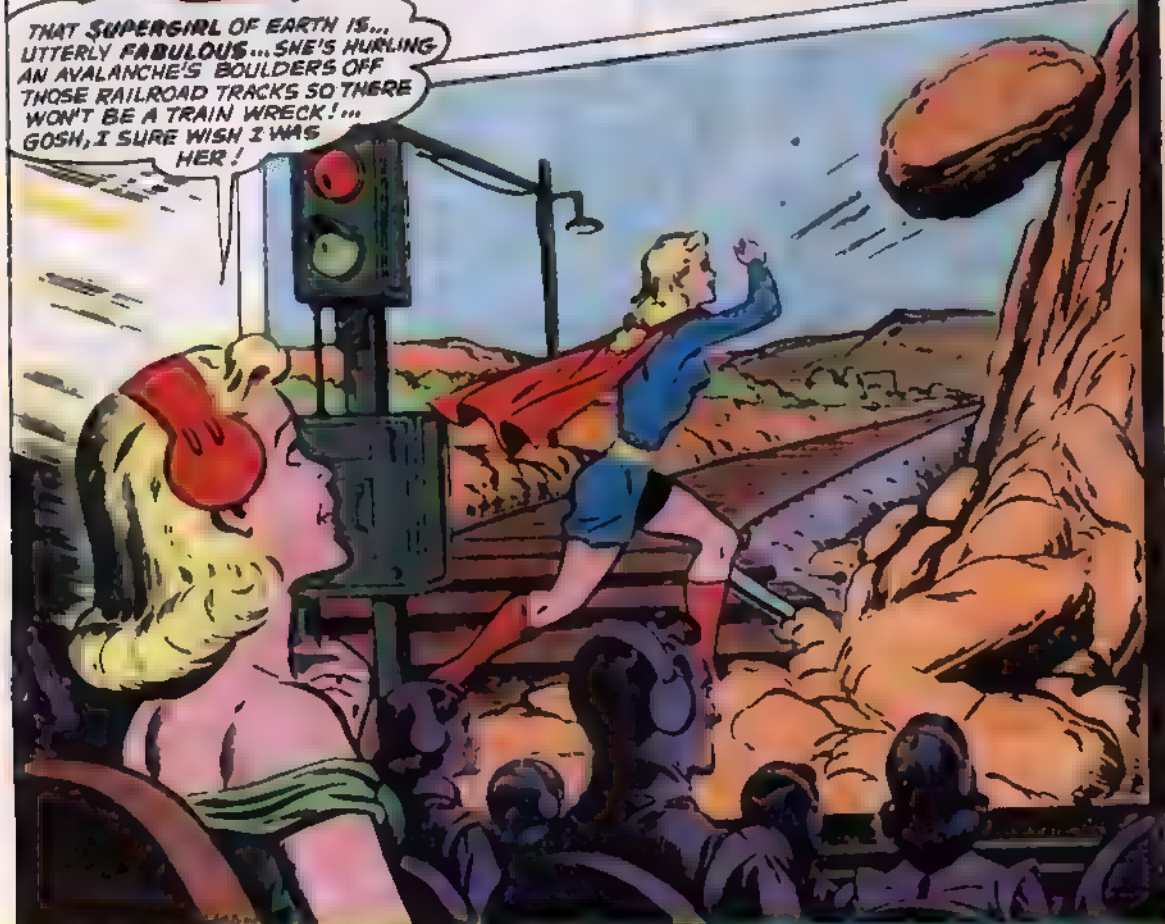
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SUPERGIRL

THAT SUPERGIRL OF EARTH IS...
LITTERLY FABULOUS... SHE'S HURLING
AN AVALANCHE'S BOULDERS OFF
THOSE RAILROAD TRACKS SO THERE
WON'T BE A TRAIN WRECK!...
GOSH, I SURE WISH I WAS
HER!



WHO IS THIS FUTURISTICALLY-ATTIRED
ATTRACTIVE YOUNG GIRL IN A KANDORIAN
THEATER WHO IS SO FASCINATED BY THE
THRILLING NEWSREEL FILM OF SUPERGIRL
ON EARTH? NO, SHE'S NOT THE KANDORIAN
SCIENTIST LESLA-LAR WHOM SHE MISTAKENLY
BELIEVES HERSELF TO BE! UNKNOWNLY, SHE
IS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) LEE... VICTIM OF THE
REAL LESLA-LAR'S EVIL PLOT! YES, LITTLE
DOES LINDA REALIZE THAT THE GIRL SHE'S
ADMIRING ON THE SCREEN IS HERSELF,
AND THAT SHE IS HOPELESSLY...

TRAPPED in KANDOR!



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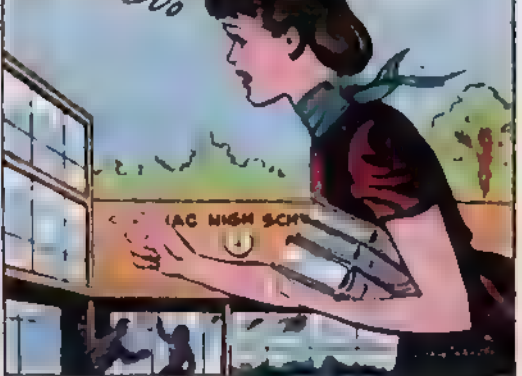


ONE MORNING, IN THE MIDVALE HOME OF MR AND MRS. DANVERS, FOSTER PARENTS OF LINDA LEE...

HURRY, LINDA, OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!

YES, MOTHER! HOW IRONIC! ONCE WHEN I HAD MY SUPERGIRL POWERS, I COULD FLY MILES IN A SECOND! BUT NOW...

...WITHOUT MY SUPER-POWERS, I'M AS SLOW MOVING AS ANY ORDINARY HUMAN! IT'S FRUSTRATING, LIVING LIKE THIS!... I WANT TO LEAP... FLY... AS I USED TO, BUT... I CAN'T! CHOKES!



SOON, IN ENGLISH CLASS AT SCHOOL...

I ADORE MY FOSTER-PARENTS, BUT... COMPARED TO THE EXCITING LIFE I LED FORMERLY AS SUPERGIRL, EVERYTHING'S DULL! IF I HAD MY POWERS BACK, I'LL BET MOM AND DAD WOULD HELP ME PROTECT MY SECRET IDENTITY--



...THE WAY SUPER-BOY'S PARENTS DID IN SMALLVILLE YEARS AGO! LINDA, I'VE ARRANGED FOR THE ENGLISH CLASS TO VISIT THE DAILY PLANET IN METROPOLIS TODAY, TO LEARN HOW A NEWSPAPER IS RUN!



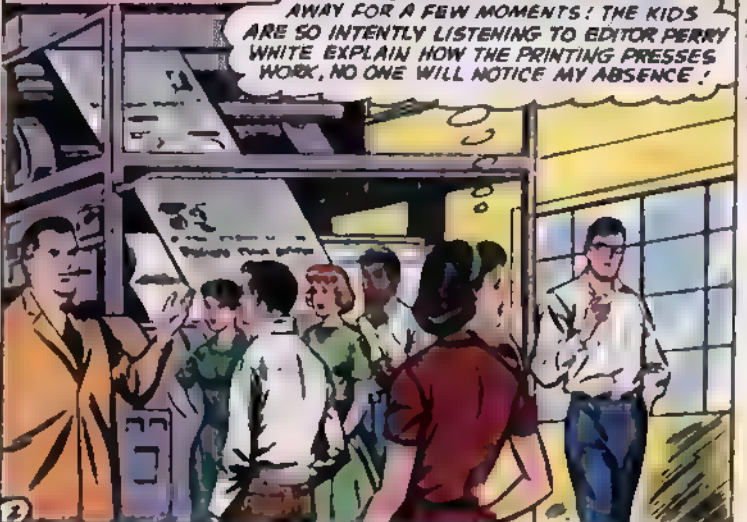
YOU'LL BE IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP!

!!-- THE PLANET IS WHERE MY COUSIN SUPERMAN WORKS IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY AS 'MEEK' REPORTER CLARK KENT!



LATER, AT THE PLANET...

CLARK'S GESTURING FOR ME TO SLIP AWAY FOR A FEW MOMENTS! THE KIDS ARE SO INTENTLY LISTENING TO EDITOR PERRY WHITE EXPLAIN HOW THE PRINTING PRESSES WORK, NO ONE WILL NOTICE MY ABSENCE!





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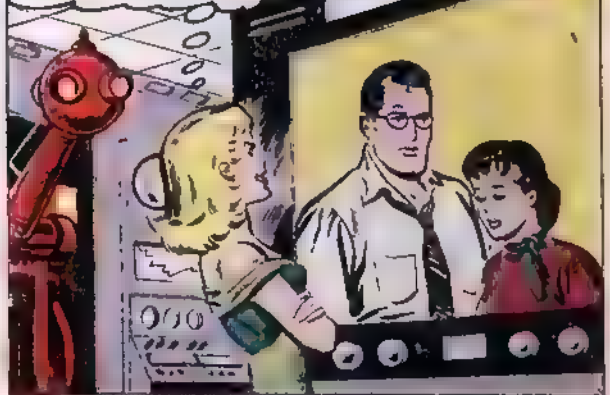
SHORTLY... LINDA, I'VE HAD NO LUCK TRYING TO DISCOVER SOME WAY TO PERMANENTLY RETURN YOUR SUPER-POWERS!-- TONIGHT, AT MY SECRET FORTRESS, I'LL MAKE ONE FINAL ATTEMPT!

THANKS--
FOR TRYING!...



LITTLE DO EITHER SUPERMAN OR LINDA KNOW IT, BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT THEY ARE BEING SPIED UPON BY DISTANT LESLA-LAR ON KANDOR...

HA, HA! I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR LINDA'S WOES!

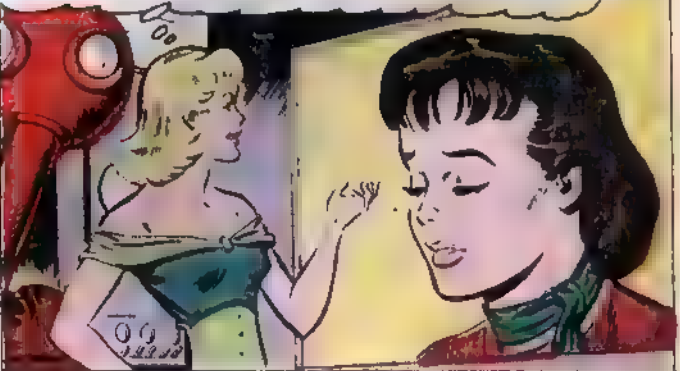


INSIDE A BOTTLE IN SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS IS THE CITY OF KANDOR WHICH WAS STOLEN FROM THE PLANET KRYPTON BEFORE KRYPTON EXPLODED-- KANDOR WAS REDUCED IN SIZE AND PLACED IN THE BOTTLE BY THE SPACE VILLAIN, BRAINIAC...!



WITHIN THIS BOTTLE-CITY IS THE EVIL KANDORIAN GIRL SCIENTIST LESLA-LAR WHO STRONGLY RESEMBLES LINDA...

I STOLE LINDA'S SUPER-POWERS WITH MY KRYPTONITE-TINGED RAY! SHE DOESN'T SUSPECT...

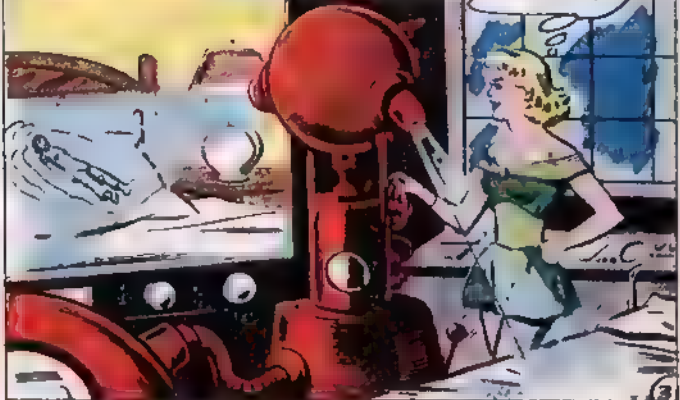


...THAT WITH MY SUPER-SCIENCE I ONCE TELEPORTED HER HERE, CAUSED HER TO BELIEVE SHE WAS ME, THEN I TEMPORARILY STOLE HER PLACE ON EARTH! EARTH'S LESSER GRAVITY, PLUS THE SOLAR RAYS OF ITS SUN, GAVE ME SUPER-POWERS THERE!



THAT NIGHT, AS LINDA GOES TO BED IN HER HOME, LESLA-LAR STRIKES...

MY TELEPORT RAY IS CAUSING HER BODY TO SHRINK AND VANISH! SHE'LL BE HERE IN KANDOR IN ANOTHER INSTANT!



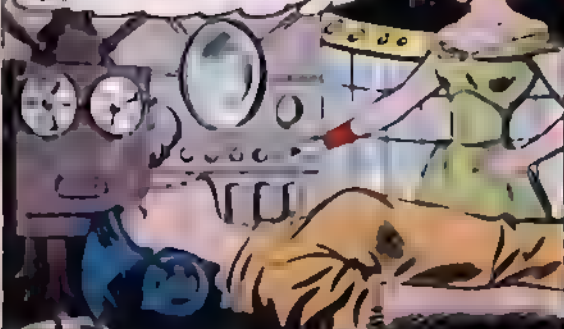


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AFTER THE SLEEPING LINDA MATERIALIZES IN KANDOR...

THE BRAIN-COMMAND HELMET IS RE-ACTIVATING IN HER MIND THE INFORMATION AND ORDERS THIS DEVICE FED HER ONCE BEFORE! WHEN SHE AWAKENS, SHE'LL AGAIN BELIEVE SHE'S ME!



EXCHANGING GARMENTS WITH LINDA LELLA LAR STEPS BEFORE THE TELEPORT RAY...

NOW I'M BEING PROJECTED TO EARTH! THE "REVERSE" BUTTON ON MY TELEPORT BRACELET WILL RETURN ME HERE WHENEVER I DESIRE!



ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY, THE IMPOSTOR MATERIALIZES IN LINDA'S ROOM ON EARTH...

WHEN I PRESS THE BRACELET'S OTHER BUTTON, LINDA WILL IMMEDIATELY TELEPORT BACK TO EARTH!...NOW TO TAKE OFF THIS WIG-- REMOVE LINDA'S SUPER-COSTUME FROM THAT HIDDEN PANEL, DON IT, AND STEAL HER IDENTITY AS SUPERGIRL!



DIVING DOWN FROM THE BEDROOM WINDOW, THE FALSE "SUPERGIRL" TUNNELS THROUGH THE GROUND...

I'LL VISIT THE PRISON CELL OF LUTHOR, SUPERMAN'S ARCH ENEMY! LUTHOR BELIEVES I'M FROM ANOTHER PLANET AND THAT MY CHIEF AMBITION IS TO BE HIS SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON!



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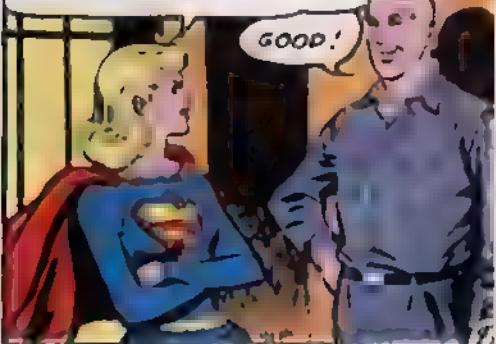
CHUCKLE-- IT'S VERY CLEVER THE WAY YOU SNEAK ME OUT OF HERE AT NIGHT SO WE CAN PULL CRIMES TOGETHER! AFTERWARD, YOU RETURN ME HERE SO THE PRISON IS MY... HA, HA... PERFECT ALIBI!



I'M JUST AS RUTHLESS AS LUTHOR... BUT EVEN SMARTER AS HE'LL ONE DAY LEARN TO HIS REGRET...

I'VE COME TO TELL YOU OF MY FOOL-PROOF PLAN TO DESTROY SUPERMAN, WITH YOUR HELP!

GOOD!

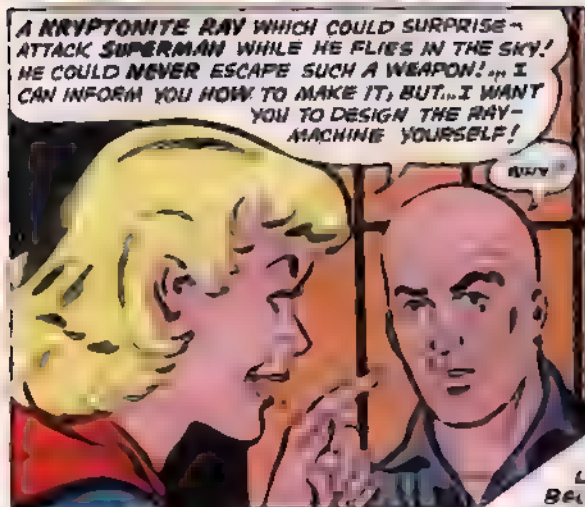
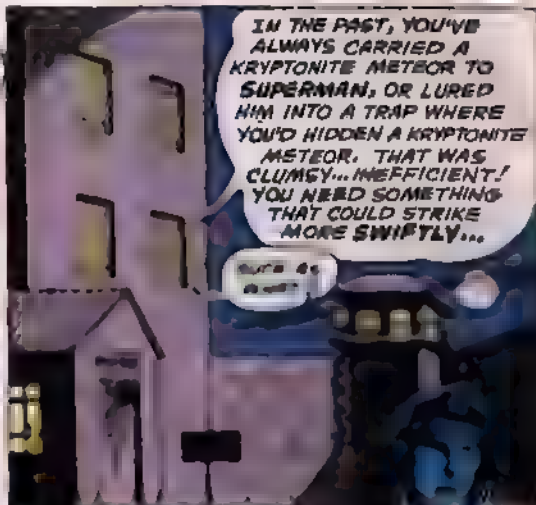




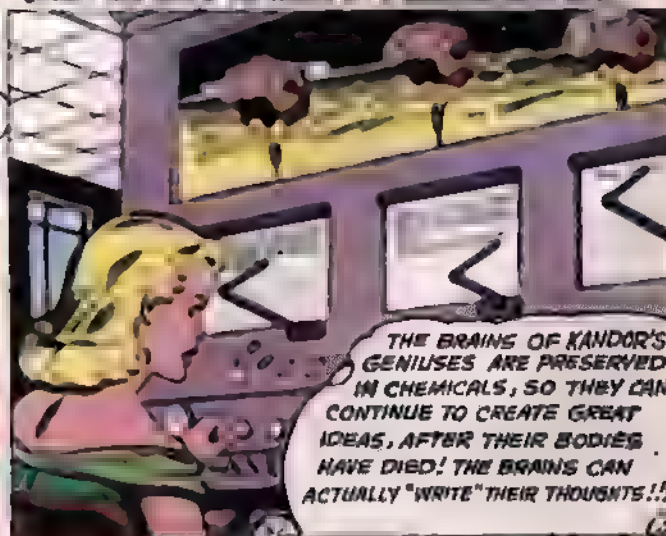
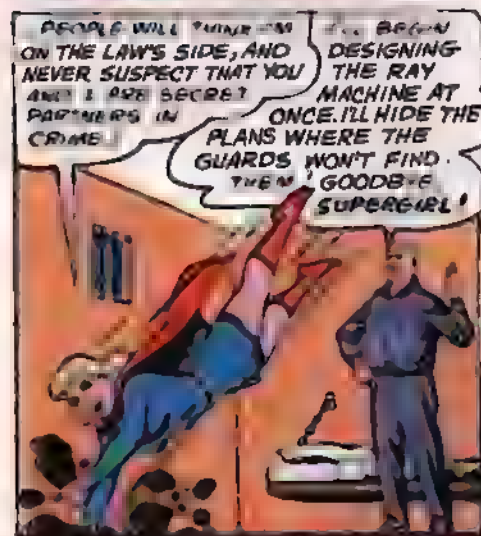
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LUTHOR, YOU'VE TRIED TO WIPE OUT SUPERMAN
SEVERAL TIMES WITH KRYPTONITE AND THE KRYPTONITE
WHICH CAN KILL HIM, BUT YOU'VE ALWAYS FAILED! WHY?
BECAUSE YOU USED GREEN KRYPTONITE WEAPONS.



LATER ARRIVING IN KANDOR AND FALSELY
BELIEVING HERSELF TO BE LEX LUTHOR, AS THE REAL
LUTHOR OF COURSE IS WORKING AT A DEFENSE LAB



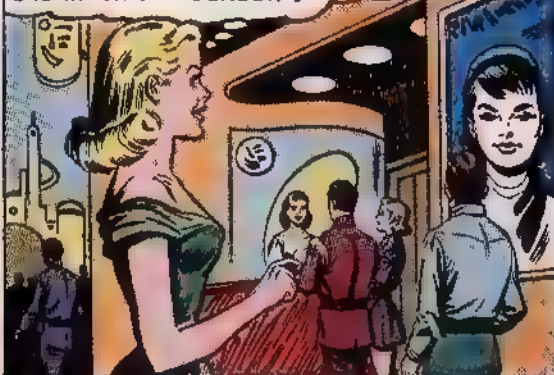


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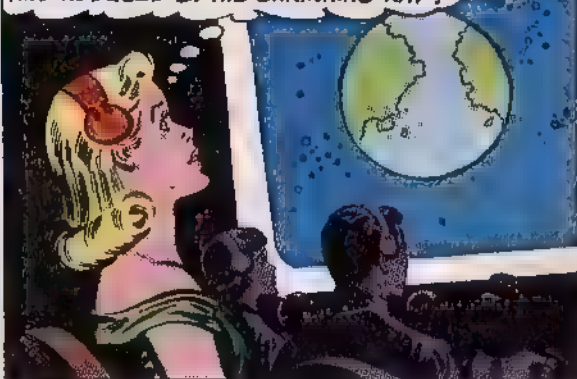
WHEN HER FOUR-HOUR DAY IS FINISHED, SHE ENTERS A KANDORIAN THEATER...

"REALLY" MOVIES ARE FUN! THE AUDIENCE NOT ONLY SEES AND HEARS, BUT CAN SMELL, TASTE AND FEEL WHAT'S BEING SHOWN ON THE SCREEN!

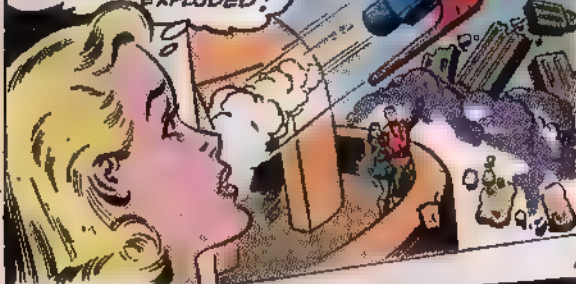


SOON, AFTER READING DESCRIPTIVE MATTER, SHE WITNESSES... THIS NEWSREEL OF LIFE

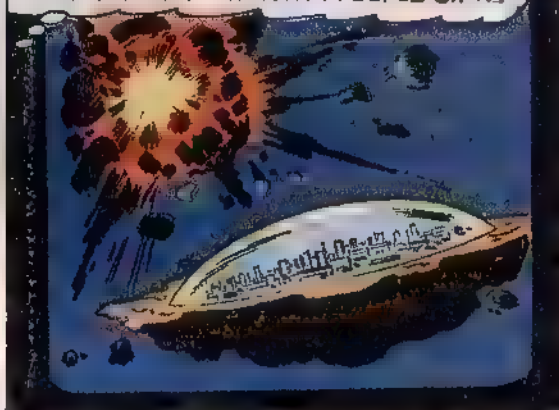
ON LONG-AGO PERISHED KRYPTON WAS FILMED FROM INSIDE THE BOTTLE-CITY OF KANDOR AFTER KANDOR WAS CAPTURED BY BRAINIAC AND REDUCED BY HIS SHRINKING RAY!



IT WAS FILMED THROUGH A SUPER-TELESCOPE WHICH COULD SEE THROUGH WALLS!...HOW SAD! IT ACTUALLY SHOWS KRYPTONIAN SCIENTIST JOR-EL AND HIS WIFE LARA SENDING THEIR CHILD KAL-EL TOWARD EARTH IN A MODEL SPACESHIP, MOMENTS BEFORE KRYPTON EXPLODED!



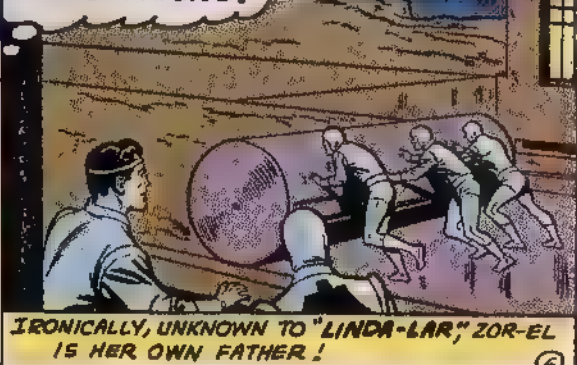
NOW KRYPTON'S BEING BLASTED APART BY AN ATOMIC CHAIN-REACTION!...IT'S... AWESOME!... OH, MY, A LARGE CHUNK OF THE PLANET IS BEING HURLED AWAY... WITH PEOPLE ON IT!



IT'S...ARGO CITY AND A BUBBLE OF AIR CAME ALONG WITH IT! GREAT SCOTT! ARGO CITY IS GLOWING... GREEN! THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION WHICH DESTROYED KRYPTON IS CHANGING THE GROUND INTO KRYPTONITE WHOSE RADIATIONS CAN KILL KRYPTONIANS!



HOORAY! SCIENTIST ZOR-EL, THE BROTHER OF JOR-EL, IS HAVING THE GROUND COVERED WITH LEAD SHEET METAL TAKEN FROM HIS LAB! KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS CAN'T PIERCE LEAD! THE PEOPLE WILL LIVE!



IRONICALLY, UNKNOWN TO "LINDA-LAR," ZOR-EL IS HER OWN FATHER!



ACTION COMICS



NOW A FILM "FLASH-BACK" IS SHOWING HOW KAL-EL'S ROCKET-SHIP LANDED ON EARTH, WHERE HE WAS RESCUED FROM THE BURNING SHIP BY MA AND PA KENT OF SMALLVILLE. EVENTUALLY HE GREW UP TO BECOME SUPERMAN!!



NOW ANOTHER FILM "FLASHBACK" IS SHOWING HOW SEVERAL YEARS AFTER ARGO CITY WAS CAST INTO SPACE, ZOR-EL AND HIS WIFE HAD A BABY GIRL... KARA! ISN'T SHE SWEET?



IRONICALLY, 'LESLA-LAR' DOESN'T REALIZE KARA IS HERSELF, AS AN INFANT!

BUT WHEN KARA GREW INTO GIRLHOOD, A METEOR-FLOCK SMASHED HOLES IN THE LEAD SHIELD, RELEASING KRYPTONITE RAYS DOOMING EVERYONE!



FOR SOME TIME, KARA'S PARENTS HAD BEEN OBSERVING SUPERMAN ON EARTH THROUGH THEIR SUPER SPACE TELESCOPE SO HER MOTHER FASHIONED A SIMILAR COSTUME FOR KARA...



THEN KARA WAS SHOT TOWARD EARTH IN A ROCKET SHIP A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF ARGO CITY PERISHED, JUST AS KAL-EL'S PARENTS HAD DIED AFTER THEY SENT THEIR CHILD EARTHWARD IN A SPACE SHIP...



REACHING EARTH, KARA BECAME A MIGHTY SUPERGIRL, AND HER COSTUME WAS INDESTRUCTIBLE, TOO! OPERATING AS HER COUSIN SUPERMAN'S SECRET EMERGENCY WEAPON, SHE OFTEN SAVED HIM FROM KRYPTONITE WHEN SHE WASN'T MASQUERADING AS ORPHAN LINDA LEE!



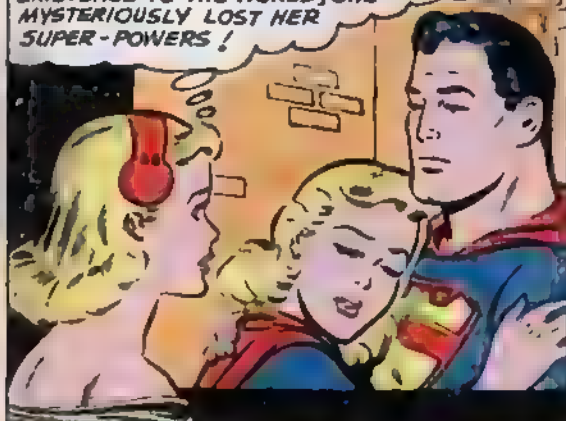


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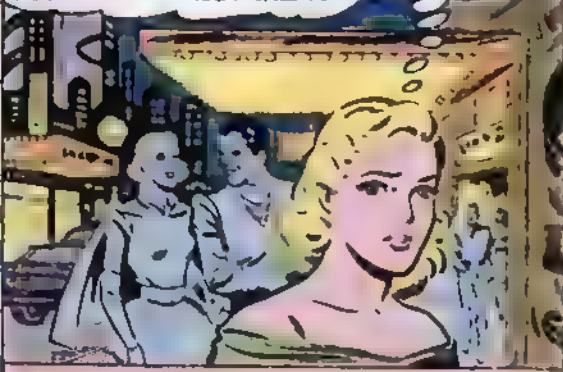


AND AS THE MOVIE NEARS ITS CONCLUSION...

OH, HOW DREADFUL! JUST AS SUPERMAN WAS FINALLY GOING TO ANNOUNCE SUPERGIRL'S EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD, SHE MYSTERIOUSLY LOST HER SUPER-POWERS!



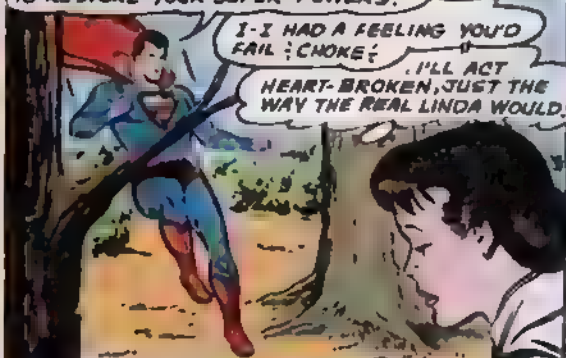
GOODNESS, WHAT AN EXCITING FILM THAT WAS, AND IT'S ALL TRUE! AT FIRST, I ENVIED LINDA'S SUPER-POWERS...MAYBE BECAUSE SHE RESEMBLES ME SO... BUT NOW I FEEL SORRY FOR HER BECAUSE SHE LOST THEM!



LITTLE DOES "LESLIE-LEE" SUSPECT SHE IS LINDA...

THE NEXT DAY, ON EARTH, AS PREARRANGED, SUPERMAN MEETS THE FALSE "LINDA" IN A WOODS, BESIDE THE HOLLOW TREE IN WHICH THE LINDA LEE ROBOT IS HIDDEN...

I'M SORRY LINDA, DEAR-- BUT I HAVE BAD NEWS! I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO RESTORE YOUR SUPER-POWERS!

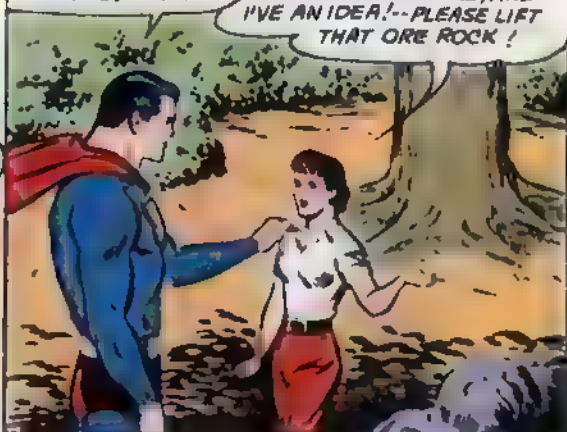


I-I HAD A FEELING YOU'D FAIL CHOKER!

I'LL ACT HEART-BROKEN, JUST THE WAY THE REAL LINDA WOULD!

I WISH I COULD HAVE HAD HAPPIER NEWS FOR YOU, LINDA...

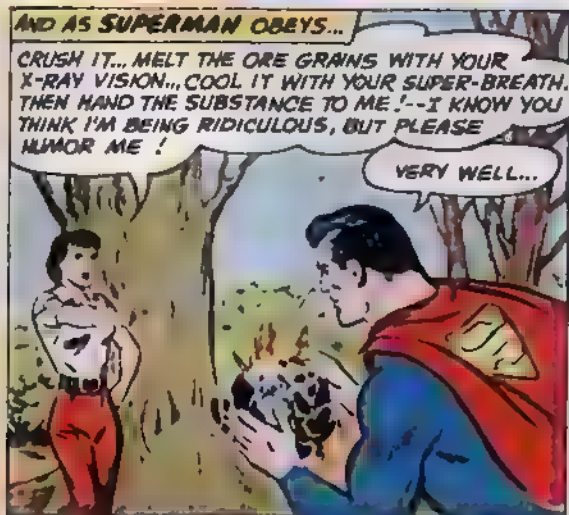
SUPERMAN, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT MY LOSS OF SUPER-POWERS, AND I'VE AN IDEA!-- PLEASE LIFT THAT ORE ROCK!



AND AS SUPERMAN OBEYS...

CRUSH IT... MELT THE ORE GRAINS WITH YOUR X-RAY VISION... COOL IT WITH YOUR SUPER-BREATH... THEN HAND THE SUBSTANCE TO ME!--I KNOW YOU THINK I'M BEING RIDICULOUS, BUT PLEASE HUMOR ME!

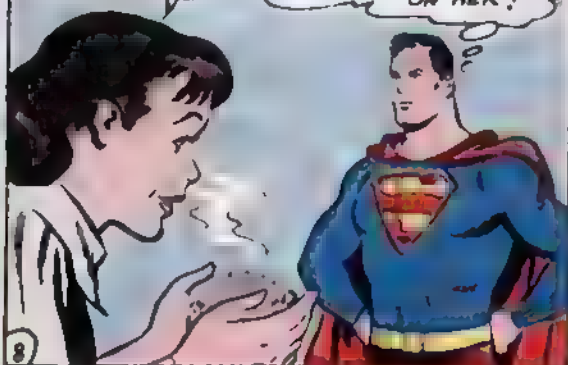
VERY WELL...



AS SHE INHALES A VAPOR ARISING FROM THE MELTED, CRUSHED ORE...

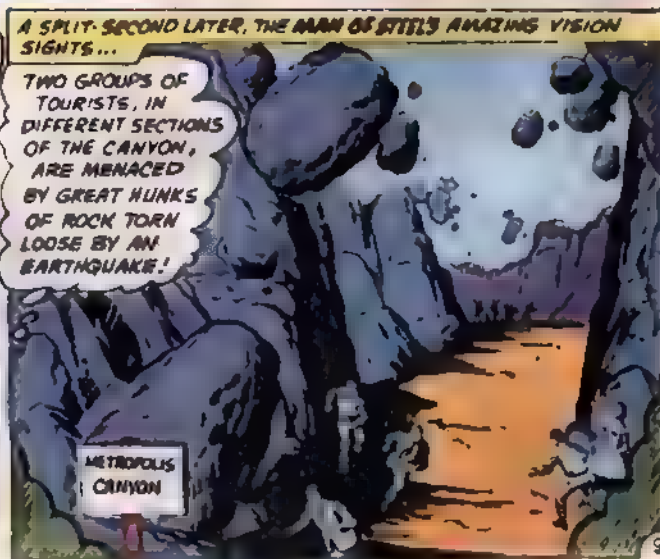
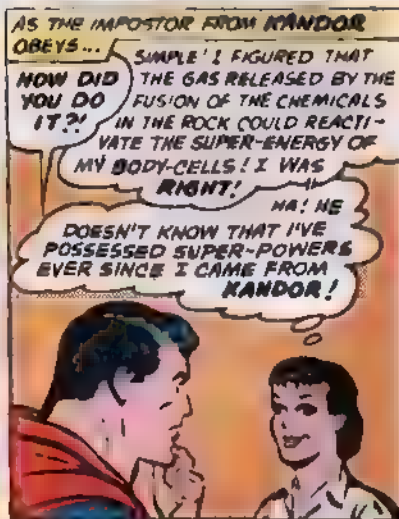
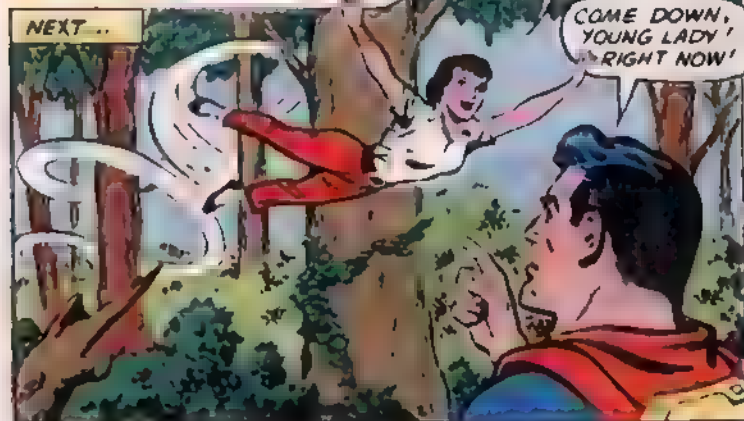
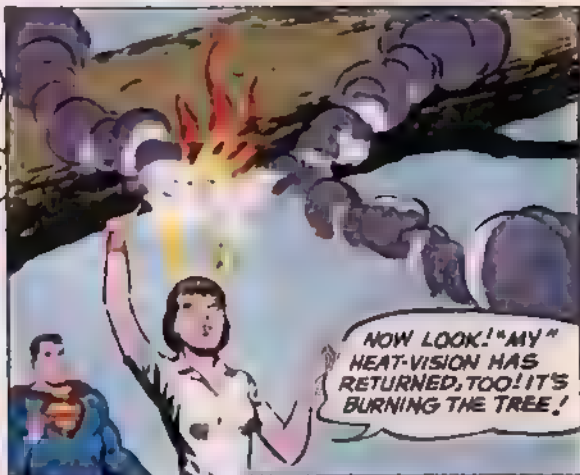
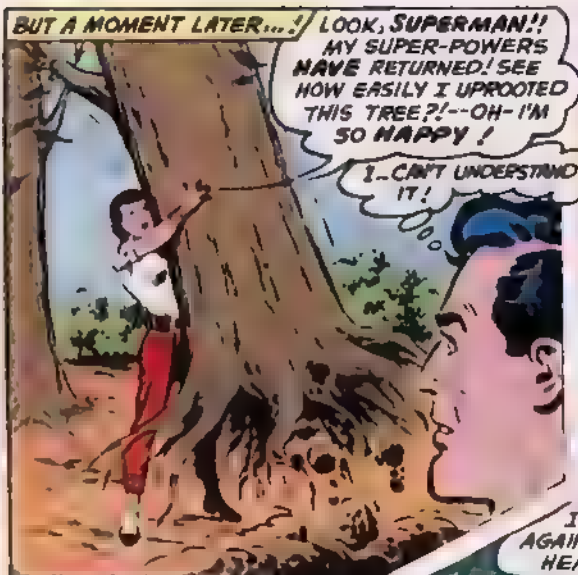
IF MY THEORY WORKS, THIS SHOULD RESTORE MY POWERS!

WHAT UTTER NONSENSE! IT COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE SUCH AN EFFECT ON HER!





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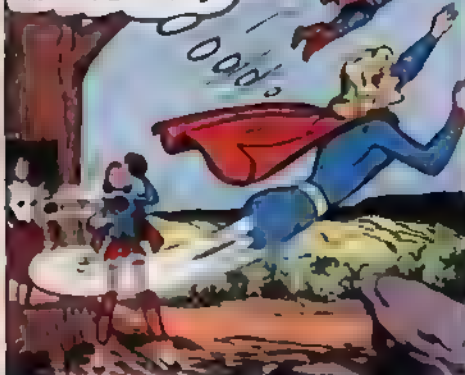


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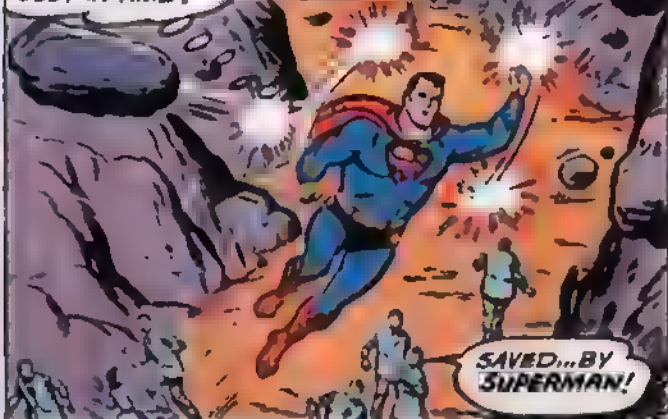
AS SUPERMAN STREAKS OFF, "LINDA" DONS A SPARE SUPERGIRL COSTUME SHE REMOVES FROM WITHIN THE HOLLOW TREE IN WHICH THE LINDA ROBOT IS HIDDEN AND THEN...

HERE'S WHERE I SHOW UP SUPERMAN!

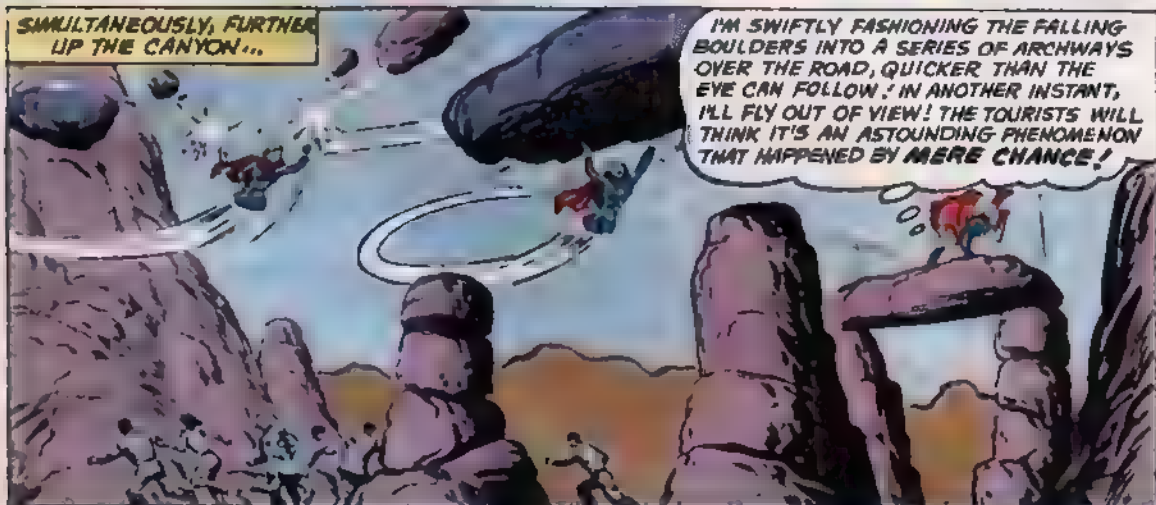


A FRACTION OF A SECOND LATER, AT METROPOLIS CANYON...

WHEN! I BATTERED ASIDE THE FALLING ROCKS, JUST IN TIME!



SIMULTANEOUSLY, FURTHER UP THE CANYON...



"SUPERGIRL" SPEEDS OFF BEFORE SHE CAN BE SEEN FLASHING OVERHEAD. SUPERMAN OBSERVES HER HANDYWORK...

FANTASTIC! THOSE FALLING ROCKS FORMED ARCHWAYS OVER THE ROAD!...?GASP! I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT IF I HADN'T SEEN IT!

PEOPLE WILL COME FROM EVERYWHERE TO SEE THIS NATURAL WONDER!

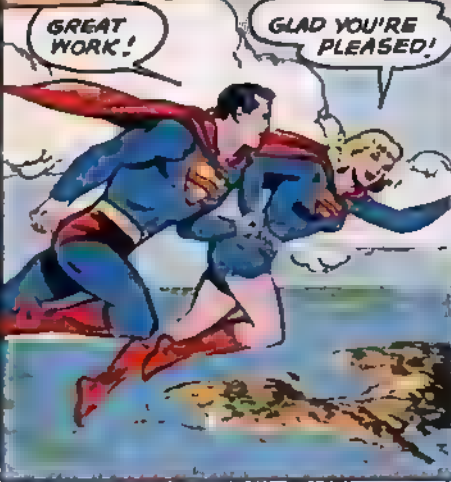




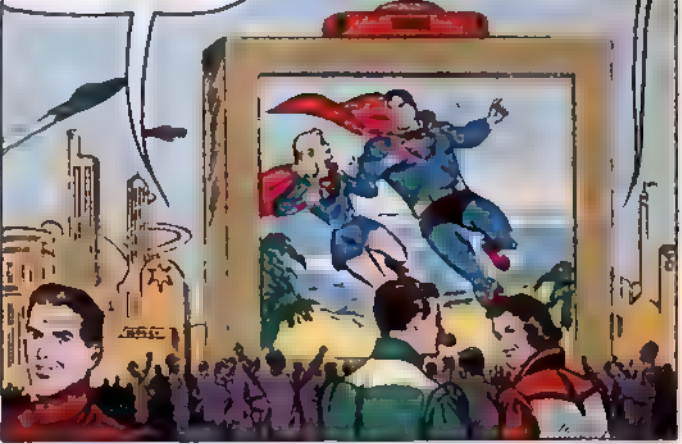
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OVERTAKING "SUPERGIRL," SUPERMAN BIDS HER TO FOLLOW HIM, AND SOON AFTERWARD THEY FLY TOWARD A DESERTED TROPICAL ISLE.



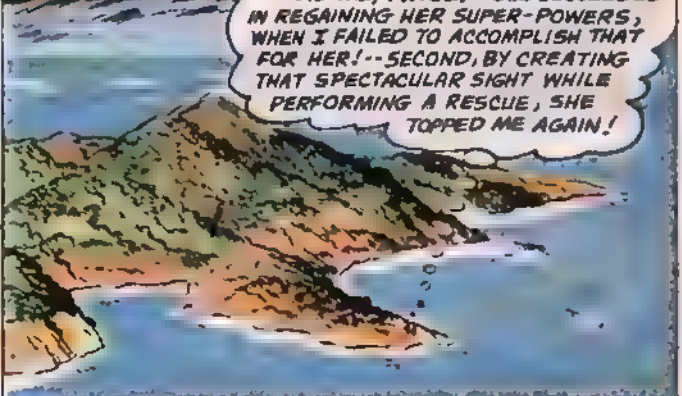
IN FAR-OFF KANDOR, THE POPULACE REJOICES AS THEIR EARTH-VIEWERS REVEAL... ONCE AGAIN SHE'S THE MAN OF STEEL'S SUPER-HELPER! HOORAY! SUPERGIRL'S REGAINED HER SUPER-POWERS!



AMONG THE JOYOUS ONLOOKERS IN KANDOR IS "LESLA-LAR", WHO IS STILL PITIFULLY UNAWARE THAT SHE IS BEING VICTIMIZED BY THE SPURIOUS "SUPERGIRL"...

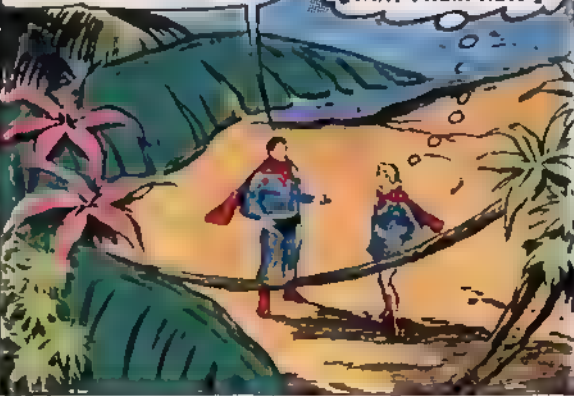


ON THE ISLE, ON EARTH... HMMM! SUPERGIRL JUST OUTDID ME, TWICE!-- SHE SUCCEEDED IN REGAINING HER SUPER-POWERS, WHEN I FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH THAT FOR HER!-- SECOND, BY CREATING THAT SPECTACULAR SIGHT WHILE PERFORMING A RESCUE, SHE TOPPED ME AGAIN!



SUPERGIRL, YOU'LL RECALL THAT I WAS ABOUT TO REVEAL YOUR EXISTENCE TO THE WORLD WHEN YOU UNFORTUNATELY LOST YOUR SUPER-POWERS...

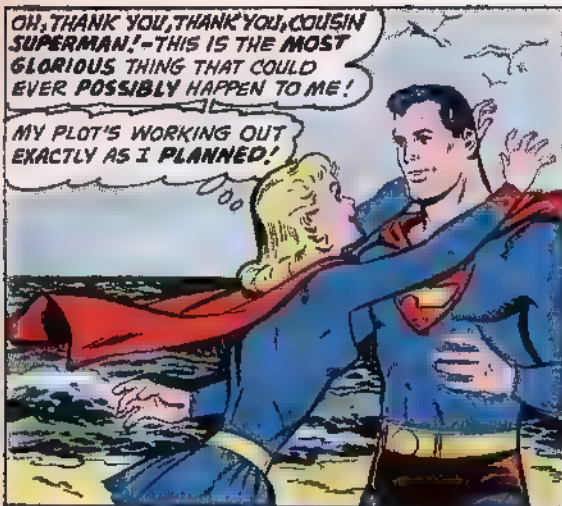
I REMEMBER... I ALSO REMEMBER STEALING THE REAL SUPERGIRL'S POWERS AWAY FROM HER!



BECAUSE YOU'RE AS MIGHTY AS EVER AGAIN, THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE SHOULDN'T ANNOUNCE YOU TO THE WORLD--NOW!--OKAY?

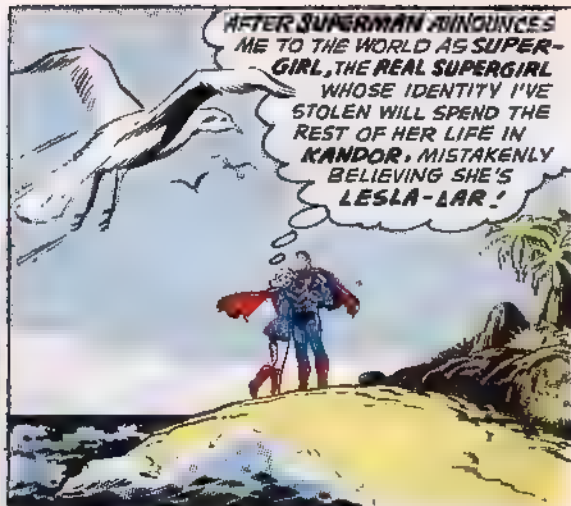
!GASP!-- YOU... REALLY MEAN IT?



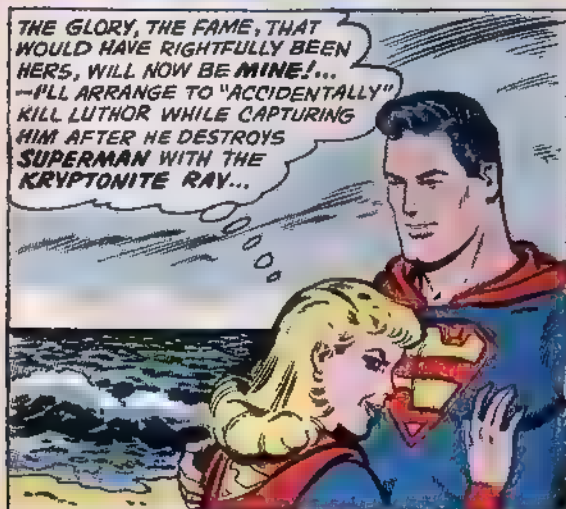


OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, COUSIN SUPERMAN!—THIS IS THE MOST GLORIOUS THING THAT COULD EVER POSSIBLY HAPPEN TO ME!

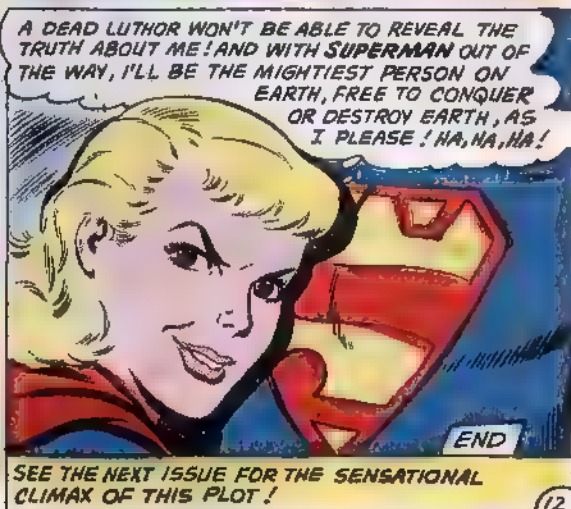
MY PLOT'S WORKING OUT EXACTLY AS I PLANNED!



AFTER SUPERMAN ANNOUNCES ME TO THE WORLD AS SUPER-GIRL, THE REAL SUPERGIRL WHOSE IDENTITY I'VE STOLEN WILL SPEND THE REST OF HER LIFE IN KANDOR, MISTAKENLY BELIEVING SHE'S LESLA-LAR!



THE GLORY, THE FAME, THAT WOULD HAVE RIGHTFULLY BEEN HERS, WILL NOW BE MINE!... —I'LL ARRANGE TO "ACCIDENTALLY" KILL LUTHOR WHILE CAPTURING HIM AFTER HE DESTROYS SUPERMAN WITH THE KRYPTONITE RAY...



A DEAD LUTHOR WON'T BE ABLE TO REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT ME! AND WITH SUPERMAN OUT OF THE WAY, I'LL BE THE MIGHTIEST PERSON ON EARTH, FREE TO CONQUER OR DESTROY EARTH, AS I PLEASE! HA, HA, HA!

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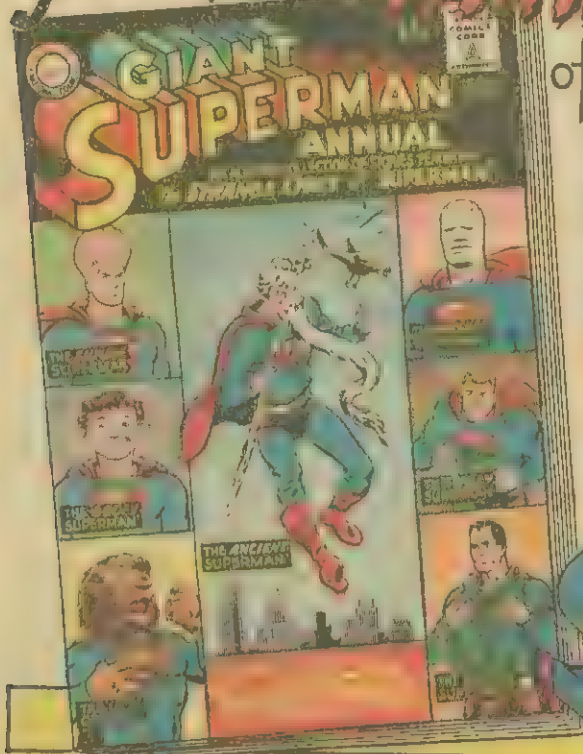


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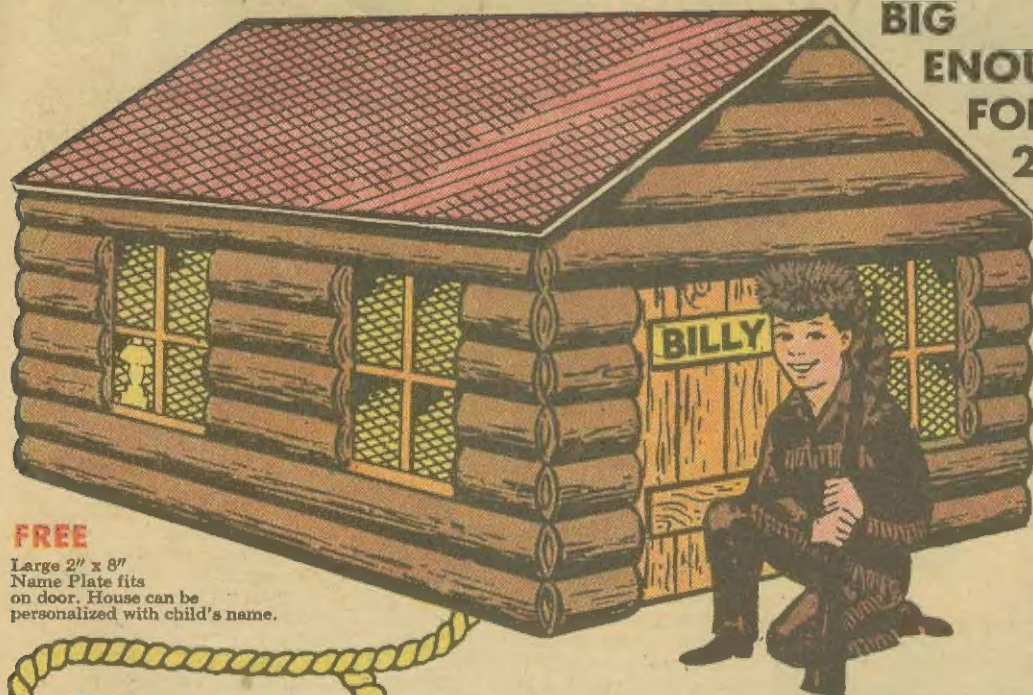
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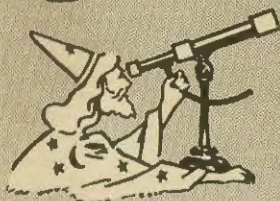
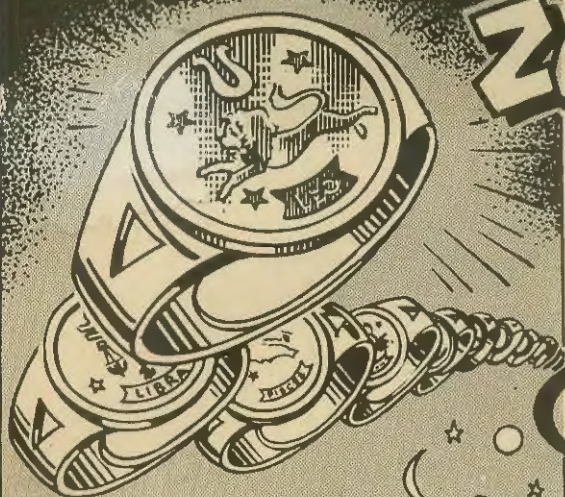
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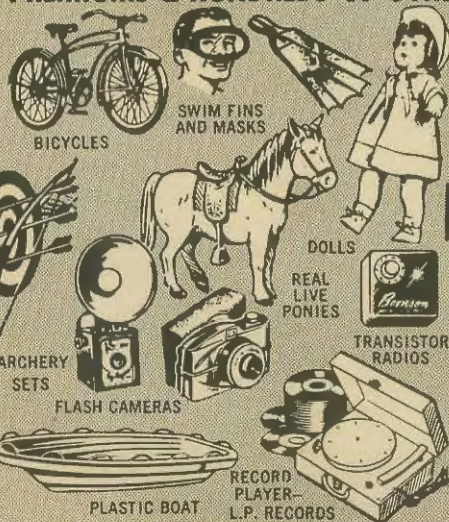


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